

**Prior notification of a concentration**  
**(Case COMP/M.2173 — Ergo/BBV Italia SpA)**

**Candidate case for simplified procedure**

(2000/C 278/08)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 22 September 2000 the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97 <sup>(2)</sup>, by which the German undertakings Ergo Versicherungsgruppe AG, belonging to the group Münchener Rückversicherungsgesellschaft AG, acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, control of the Italian undertaking BBV Italia SpA by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Ergo: holding of insurance companies, insurance agencies and companies active in investment management and financial services,
- BBV Italia: holding of participations in insurance companies, insurance agencies and companies active in investment management and financial services.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified concentration could fall within the scope of Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. However, the final decision on this point is reserved. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 <sup>(3)</sup>, it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the notice.

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent by fax (No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference COMP/M.2173 — Ergo/BBV Italia SpA, to:

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Directorate-General for Competition,  
Directorate B — Merger Task Force,  
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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 257, 21.9.1990, p. 13.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 180, 9.7.1997, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 40, 13.2.1998, p. 17.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ C 217, 29.7.2000, p. 32.