

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.2431 — Allianz/Dresdner Bank)

(2001/C 172/06)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 7 June 2001 the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97 ⁽²⁾, by which the German Allianz Aktiengesellschaft (Allianz) acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, control of the German Dresdner Bank AG (Dresdner Bank), by way of public bid announced on 31 May 2001.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Allianz: insurance,

— Dresdner Bank: banking.

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.

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.2431 — Allianz/Dresdner Bank, to:

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Directorate-General for Competition,
Directorate B — Merger Task Force,
Rue Joseph II/Jozef II-straat 70,
B-1000 Brussels.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 257, 21.9.1990, p. 13.

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