

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case COMP/M.2608 — INA/FAG)**

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(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 18 September 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 undertaking INA GmbH (INA) acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, control of the whole of the German undertaking FAG Kugelfischer Georg Schäfer AG (FAG) by way of public bid announced on 17 September 2001.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- INA Group: production of systems and components for the automotive and machine tool industries, such as ball bearings,
- FAG: manufacture and sale of bearings.

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.2608 — INA/FAG, 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.