

Request of examination of a concentration**(Case COMP/M.2698 — Promatech/Sulzer)**

(2002/C 61/04)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 7, 11, 18, 19, 21 December 2001 and 11, 13 February 2002 the Commission received joint referral requests from the authorities of Spain, Italy, the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Portugal and Austria, respectively, pursuant to Article 22 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97 ⁽²⁾, to investigate a proposed concentration by which the undertaking Promatech SpA (Promatech, Italy), controlled by the Radici Group and the Miro Radici Group, acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, sole control of the textile division of the undertaking Sulzer Ltd (Sulzer Textile, Switzerland) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Promatech: production, distribution and sale of textile machinery,

— Sulzer Textile: design, production, distribution and sale of textile machinery.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the requests pursuant to Article 22 of Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 are admissible, as they meet the requirements laid down by this provision. On 27 February 2002, the joint request became complete within the meaning of Article 10(1) of the Regulation, following the receipt of the complete information.

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.2698 — Promatech/Sulzer, to:

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Directorate-General for Competition,
Directorate B — Merger Task Force,
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⁽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.