

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case No COMP/M.3523 — ALLIANZ CAPITAL PARTNERS/FOUR SEASONS HEALTH GROUP)****Candidate case for simplified procedure**

(2004/C 184/03)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 9 July 2004, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertaking Allianz Capital Partners ('ACP', Germany) belonging to the group Allianz AG ('Allianz', Germany) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Four Seasons Health Care Limited and Principal Healthcare Finance Holdings ('Four Seasons', United Kingdom) by purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for Allianz: insurance and financial services,
 - for ACP: private equity investment and mezzanine loans,
 - for Four Seasons: operation/ownership of care homes, specialized hospitals and centres and investment properties.
3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. However, the final decision on this point is reserved. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a

simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 ⁽²⁾ 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 to the Commission.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (fax No +32/2/2964301 or 2967244) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.3523 — Allianz Capital Partners/Four Seasons Health Group, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004 p. 1

⁽²⁾ OJ C 217, 29.7.2000, p. 32; Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 has been replaced by Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.