

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.3748 — Mitsubishi Tokyo/UFJ)
Candidate case for simplified procedure

(2005/C 79/08)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 22 March 2005 the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertakings Mitsubishi Tokyo Financial Group, Inc ('MTFG', Japan) and UFJ Holdings, Inc ('UFJ', Japan), enter into a full merger within the meaning of Article 3(1)(a) of the Council Regulation.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for MTFG: Provision of financial services, including banking, assets management and securities,

— for UFJ: Provision of financial services, including banking, assets management and securities.

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 (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽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 (No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.3748 — Mitsubishi Tokyo/UFJ, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Available on DG COMP website:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/competition/mergers/legislation/consultation/simplified_tru.pdf.