

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.5267 — Sun Capital/SCS Group)
Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2008/C 181/12)

1. On 9 July 2008, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which Sun Capital Partners V, L.P. ('Sun Capital', USA) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of operational parts of SCS Upholstery plc, namely Share & Sons Ltd ('SCS Group', United Kingdom) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Sun Capital: private investment,

— for SCS Group: specialist upholstered furniture retailing in the United Kingdom.

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 ((32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.5267 — Sun Capital/SCS Group, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32.