

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPETITION POLICY

COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.5307 — Accueil Partenaires/CDC/RVHS 1% Logement/SGRHVS)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2008/C 273/11)

1. On 16 October 2008, 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 Accueil Partenaires ('Accueil Partenaires', France), belonging to the group ACCOR ('Accor', France), and Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations ('CDC', France) and RHVS 1% Logements ('RHVS', France) controlled by a number of inter-professional committees in France, acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation joint control of the undertaking SGRHVS ('SGRHVS', France) by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Accueil Partenaires: management and operation of temporary lodgings, hotel services and related services,
- for CDC: general public interest company, insurances, real estate, capital investment and services for public and private persons,
- for RHVS: structuring employers' efforts in building of homes,
- for SGRHVS: supply of lodging accomodations to modest income people.

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.5307 — Accueil Partenaires/CDC/RVHS 1% Logement/SGRHVS, 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.