

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPETITION POLICY

COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration **(Case COMP/M.5358 — Arizona/Abieta)**

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2008/C 314/07)

1. On 2 December 2008, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 and following a referral pursuant to Article 4(5) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which Arizona Chemical GmbH ('Arizona', Germany) belonging to the Arizona Chemical group acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of Abieta Chemie GmbH ('Abieta', Germany) by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for Arizona: refining, processing and sale of oleochemicals,
 - for Abieta: production and sale of rosin soaps, used as emulsifiers.
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.
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.5358 — Arizona/Abieta, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJL 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.