

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case COMP/M.5532 — Carphone Warehouse/Tiscali UK)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2009/C 122/11)

1. On 20 May 2009 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 The Carphone Warehouse Groups PLC (United Kingdom) via its wholly owned UK subsidiary TalkTalk Group Limited acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of Tiscali UK Limited and its UK subsidiaries (United Kingdom) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- The Carphone Warehouse Group Plc sells mobile handsets and mobile connections in the United Kingdom and eight other European countries. In the United Kingdom it also supplies broadband and narrowband internet access, and fixed-line and mobile telecommunications services,
- Tiscali UK is a fully owned subsidiary of the Italian undertaking Tiscali SpA that offers broadband and narrowband internet access, fixed-line telecommunications services and IPTV services 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.

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 2964301 or 2967244) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.5532 — Carphone Warehouse/Tiscali UK, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.