

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case COMP/M.5684 — BNP Paribas Assurance/Fortis Insurance International/UBI Assicurazioni)****Candidate case for simplified procedure****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2009/C 272/11)

1. On 4 November 2009, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾, by which Fortis Insurance International NV, controlled by Fortis SA/NV and Fortis NV, ('Fortis Insurance', the Netherlands/Belgium) and BNP Paribas Assurance, part of the BNP Paribas group, controlled by BNP Paribas SA ('BNP Paribas group', France) will acquire joint control over UBI Assicurazioni SpA ('UBI Assicurazioni', Italy) by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for the BNP Paribas group: banking and insurance activities,
 - for Fortis Insurance: financial and insurance activities, and,
 - for UBI Assicurazioni: non-life insurance activities in Italy.
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 22964301 or 22967244) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.5684 — BNP Paribas Assurance/Fortis Insurance International/UBI Assicurazioni, 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.