

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION
POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.5650 — T-Mobile/Orange)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2010/C 10/08)

1. On 11 January 2010, 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 France Télécom SA ('FT', France) and Deutsche Telekom AG ('DT', Germany), acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the EC Merger Regulation joint control of a newly created company constituting a joint venture, by contributing to the joint venture their wholly owned subsidiaries Orange UK and T-Mobile UK, respectively.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for FT: provision of integrated telecommunications and information technology services,
- for DT: provision of integrated telecommunications and information technology services,
- for Orange UK: provision of mobile telephony services in UK,
- for T-Mobile UK: provision of mobile telephony services in UK.

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 22964301 or 22967244) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.5650 — T-Mobile/Orange, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.