

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.5808 — JSA/Jacquet Metals/IMS)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2010/C 143/12)

1. On 26 May 2010, 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 the undertaking JSA SA ('JSA', Belgium) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation the undertaking IMS International Metal Service ('IMS', France).

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- JSA SA has sole control of Jacquet Metals, a company active in the distribution of steel products, principally thick stainless steel quarto plates,
- IMS is active in the distribution of steel products.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the EC Merger Regulation. 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), by e-mail to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.5808 — JSA/Jacquet Metals/IMS, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'EC Merger Regulation').