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*(Announcements)*PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION
POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case COMP/M.6313 — Ashland/International Specialty Products)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

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1. On 14 July 2011, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which Ashland Inc ('Ashland', United States) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of International Specialty Products Inc ('ISP', United States) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Ashland: manufacture and supply of composite polymers, adhesives, process and utility water treatments, cellulose ethers, lubricants and automotive chemicals; and,
- for ISP: manufacture and supply of specialty chemicals for consumer and industrial markets including personal care, pharmaceuticals and nutrition, beverage, home care, coatings and adhesives, energy, agriculture, plastics and tyres.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope 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.6313 — Ashland/International Specialty Products, to the following address:

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