

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.6374 — BRASKEM/DOW polypropylene business)
Candidate case for simplified procedure
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2011/C 263/06)

1. On 26 August 2011, 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 BRASKEM America, Inc ('BRASKEM', United States), controlled by BRASKEM SA (Brazil), acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the polypropylene business of DOW Chemical Company ('DOW's polypropylene business', United States) by way of purchase of assets.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for BRASKEM: production and sale of polypropylene predominantly in the United States,
- for DOW's polypropylene business: supply of polypropylene resins.

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. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under the EC Merger Regulation ⁽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), by email to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.6374 — BRASKEM/DOW polypropylene business, to the following address:

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

⁽²⁾ OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32 ('Notice on a simplified procedure').