

**Prior notification of a concentration**  
**(Case COMP/M.6512 — DS Smith/SCA Packaging)**  
**(Text with EEA relevance)**  
(2012/C 99/08)

1. On 28 March 2012, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 <sup>(1)</sup> by which the undertaking DS Smith Plc ('DS Smith', United Kingdom) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of the undertaking SCA Packaging Holding BV ('SCA Packaging', The Netherlands) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for DS Smith: manufacture of plastic and corrugated packaging,
- for SCA Packaging: manufacture of corrugated packaging.

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.6512 — DS Smith/SCA Packaging, to the following address:

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'EC Merger Regulation').