

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case COMP/M.6517 — The Klesch Group/Arkema's Vinyl Products business)****Candidate case for simplified procedure****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2012/C 152/09)

1. On 21 May 2012, 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 Klesch Group Limited, controlled by the Klesch Group ('The Klesch Group', Malta) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Arkema's Vinyl Products business by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for the Klesch Group: oil refining and aluminum,
 - for Arkema's Vinyl Products Business: the production of chlorine and chlorinated derivatives, caustic soda, polyvinyl chloride (PVC) subdivided into emulsion PVC and suspension PVC, pipes, compounds and profiles.
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.6517 — The Klesch Group/Arkema's Vinyl Products 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').