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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION
POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.6664 — Al Safi Danone/NDL International/ND Logistics LLC JV)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2012/C 242/09)

1. On 2 August 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 undertakings Al Safi Danone, ultimately controlled by Danone SA ('Danone', France), and NDL International, belonging to the Norbert Dentressangle group (France), acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of ND Logistics LLC by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Al Safi Danone: production and distribution of fresh dairy products, juices, desserts and milk in the Middle East. It is part of Danone group, a leading world-wide manufacturer of food products, in particular dairy products, waters, baby food and medical nutrition products,

— NDL International: logistics services. It is part of Norbert Dentressangle, a leading worldwide provider of logistics, transport and freight forwarding services,

— ND Logistics LLC: joint venture active in logistics services and wholesale of food in the Middle East.

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.

⁽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').

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.6664 — Al Safi Danone/NDL International/ND Logistics LLC JV, to the following address:

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