

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case COMP/M.6828 — Delta Air Lines/Virgin Group/Virgin Atlantic Limited)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2013/C 143/06)

1. On 15 May 2013, 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 Delta Air Lines, Inc ('Delta', USA) and the undertaking Virgin Group Holdings Limited ('Virgin Group', British Virgin Islands) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation the joint control of the undertaking Virgin Atlantic Limited ('VAL', United Kingdom) through purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Delta is an international airline with its headquarters in the USA,
- Virgin Group is the holding company of a group of companies active in a wide range of products and services worldwide, such as entertainment and transport,
- VAL is the indirect holding company of Virgin Atlantic Airways Limited, an international airline with its headquarters in the United Kingdom, and Virgin Holidays Limited, which is a tour operator based in the United Kingdom which supplies and distributes package holidays and ancillary products.

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.6828 — Delta Air Lines/Virgin Group/Virgin Atlantic Limited, to the following address:

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