

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.7298 — UNIQA Insurance Group/UNIQA LIFE)
Candidate case for simplified procedure
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2014/C 217/13)

1. On 1 July 2014, 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 UNIQA Previdenza S.p.A. ('UNIQA Previdenza', IT) controlled by UNIQA Insurance Group AG ('UNIQA', AT) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking UNIQA Life S.p.A. ('UNIQA LIFE', IT), currently jointly controlled by UNIQA Previdenza and Veneto Banca Holding S.C.p.A., by means of amendment of the rules relating to the governance of UNIQA LIFE.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
— for UNIQA: life, non-life and re-insurance services and products,
— for UNIQA LIFE: life insurance services and products.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the 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 Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004⁽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 M.7298 — UNIQA Insurance Group/UNIQA LIFE, to the following address:

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

⁽²⁾ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.