

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.7529 — Mohawk/International Flooring Systems)
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2015/C 80/10)

1. On 2 March 2015, 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 Mohawk Industries, Inc ('Mohawk', the USA) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking International Flooring Systems S.A. ('IFS', Luxembourg) by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for Mohawk Industries: Mohawk is a US-headquartered global producer and supplier of wood-based panels, insulation materials and a broad range of flooring products, including carpets, rugs, hardwood, laminate, ceramic tiles, stones and vinyl flooring. Within the EEA, Mohawk is mainly active through its wholly-owned subsidiary Unilin,
 - for IFS: IFS is a Luxembourg-based group of companies active in the production and supply of vinyl flooring, laminate flooring and wood-based panels, in particular raw and coated MDF.
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.
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.7529 — Mohawk/International Flooring Systems, to the following address:

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