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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case M.7713 — REWE ZF/Kuoni Reisen and Related Group Companies)****Candidate case for simplified procedure****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2015/C 265/03)

1. On 5 August 2015, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which REWE-Zentralfinanz eG ('REWE ZF', Germany), a wholly owned subsidiary of REWE Group, acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of part of the travel division of Kuoni Investments (the 'Target Companies') from Kuoni Travel Investments Ltd ('Kuoni Investments', Switzerland), by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - REWE ZF belongs to the REWE Group, active in the food and non-food retail sector, as well as in the field of travel and tourism. REWE ZF provides tour operator and travel agency services, predominantly to customers in Germany and Austria.
 - The Target Companies consist of four units of the travel division of Kuoni Investments: Kuoni Benelux, Kuoni Nordic, Kuoni UK and Kuoni Switzerland (including Kuoni Reisen AG). They offer tour operator and travel agency services mainly to customers in Switzerland, UK, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Denmark, Netherlands and Belgium.
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 the 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 this 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.7713 — REWE ZF/Kuoni Reisen and Related Group Companies, 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.