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(Announcements)

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION  
POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

**Prior notification of a concentration**

**(Case M.8108 — CVC/Sisal Group)**

**Candidate case for simplified procedure**

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2016/C 269/09)

1. On 15 July 2016, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 <sup>(1)</sup> by which CVC Capital Partners SICAV-FIS SA, together with its subsidiaries, and CVC Capital Partners Advisory Group Hoding Foundation and its subsidiary, (the 'CVC Group', Luxembourg) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control over the Sisal Group S.p.A of Italy, by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - for the CVC Group: advice to and management of investments funds, which hold interests in a number of companies, including Sky Bet. Sky Bet is active in the provision of online gaming and betting services to customers in the United Kingdom, Ireland, Finland, Gibraltar, Isle of Man, and the Channel Islands.
  - for the Sisal Group: provision of gambling and betting services in Italy.
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 <sup>(2)</sup> 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 e-mail to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number M.8108 — CVC/Sisal Group, to the following address:

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.