

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION
POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.8485 — Hitachi Group/Honda/JV)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2017/C 187/18)

1. On 2 June 2017, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which Hitachi Automotive Systems Ltd ('HIAMS', Japan) and Honda Motor Co., Ltd ('Honda', Japan) acquire within the meaning of article 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the Joint Venture by way of a purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - HIAMS is active in the production and supply of automotive products and technologies;
 - Honda is active in the production and distribution of automobiles, motorcycles and power products;
 - The Joint Venture will be active in the production and supply of electric motors in Japan, China and the United States of America.
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 M.8485 — Hitachi Group/Honda/JV, 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.