

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.9972 — Neste/Bunge Loders Croklaan Oils)
Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 18 November 2020, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾.

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

- Neste Oyj ('Neste', Finland),
- Bunge Loders Croklaan Oils B.V. ('Bunge Loders Croklaan Oils', the Netherlands).

Neste acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of Bunge Loders Croklaan Oils located in the Netherlands. The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Neste: refining and marketing low-emission, high-quality traffic fuels, producing both fossil and renewable fuels. Neste currently owns and operates a renewable fuel production plant in a site adjacent to Bunge Loders Croklaan Oils,
- for Bunge Loders Croklaan Oils: production and related assets (loading/unloading assets, storage tanks, and a refinery for vegetable oils and their derivatives) located in Rotterdam harbour, and the related personnel, excluding any feedstock sourcing and supply agreements.

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 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. The following reference should always be specified:

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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.