

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case No IV/M.1201 — DuPont/Merck)

(98/C 169/07)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 25 May 1998, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97 ⁽²⁾, by which the undertaking E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. (DuPont), a US company, acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, sole control of the whole of the DuPont Merck Pharmaceutical Company, a 50 % joint venture with Merck & Co. (Merck), active in the pharmaceutical and radiopharmaceutical sector, by the purchase of Merck interest.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- DuPont: chemical and energy products,
- Merck: pharmaceutical products.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified concentration could fall within the scope of Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. 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.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent by fax (No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference IV/M.1201 DuPont/Merck, to:

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Directorate-General for Competition (DG IV),
Directorate B — Merger Task Force,
Avenue de Cortenberg/Kortenberglaan 150,
B-1040 Brussels.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 1; Corrigendum: OJ L 257, 21.9.1990, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 180, 9.7.1997, p. 1; Corrigendum: OJ L 40, 13.2.1998, p. 17.