

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION
POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8312 — Panasonic Corporation/Ficosa International)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2017/C 108/16)

1. On 27 March 2017, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which Panasonic Corporation ('Panasonic', Japan) acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation, sole control over Ficosa International ('Ficosa', Spain) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Panasonic is active in the development and engineering of electronic technologies and solutions across various sectors.
- Ficosa focuses on the investigation, development, manufacture and commercialisation of systems and components for different types of vehicles.

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 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.8312 — Panasonic Corporation/Ficosa International, 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.