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(Information)

COMMISSION

Euro exchange rates (1)

24 October 2000

(2000/C 305/01)

1 euro	=	7,4447	Danish krone
	=	339,5	Greek drachma
	=	8,4507	Swedish krona
	=	0,577	Pound sterling
	=	0,8386	United States dollar
	=	1,2679	Canadian dollar
	=	90,76	Japanese yen
	=	1,5016	Swiss franc
	=	7,9465	Norwegian krone
	=	72,39	Icelandic króna (²)
	=	1,5862	Australian dollar
	=	2,0775	New Zealand dollar
	=	6,3449	South African rand (²)

⁽¹⁾ Source: reference exchange rate published by the ECB.

^{(&}lt;sup>2</sup>) Source: Commission.

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Information procedure — Technical rules

(2000/C 305/02)

(Text with EEA relevance)

Directive 98/34/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 June 1998 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical standards and regulations and rules on Information Society services (OJ L 204, 21.7.1998, p. 37; OJ L 217, 5.8.1998, p. 18).

Notifications of draft national technical rules received by the Commission

Reference (¹)	Title	End of three-month standstill period (²)
2000/573/D	Second addendum to the Regulation for the prevention of accidents 'Grinding and brushing tools' (VBG 49) with implementing instructions	18.1.2001
2000/574/DK	Installation and testing of fire-extinguishing systems with mixed atmospheric gases in engine spaces on ships, Notices from the Danish Maritime Authority B, D, and E	3.1.2001
2000/575/P	Draft text amending the marketing rules for foodstuffs with novelties	4.1.2001
2000/576/UK	Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment No 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000	3.1.2001
2000/577/UK	The Building Act 1984: Review of Part H (Drainage and Solid Waste) of the Building Regulations 1991 and Associated Legislation	8.1.2001
2000/578/UK	Motorcycles (Protective Headgear) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000	5.1.2001
2000/579/UK	Motorcycles (Eye Protectors) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000	5.1.2001
2000/580/FIN	Decree on Safety Regulations concerning the on-site preparation of explosive substances	5.1.2001
2000/581/UK	The Hallmarking (International Convention) Order 2000	5.1.2001
2000/582/UK	Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000	5.1.2001
2000/583/UK	Motor Vehicles (Approval) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000	5.1.2001
2000/584/UK	Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000	5.1.2001
2000/585/L	Draft Grand-Ducal Regulation establishing a green financial incentive for electricity produced from wind power, hydro power, solar power and biomass	8.1.2001
2000/586/L	Draft Grand-Ducal Regulation establishing an aid scheme for the promotion of the rational use of energy and the development of renewable sources of energy	8.1.2001
2000/587/B	Ministerial Decree to suspend the bringing onto the market of toys that are meant for children younger than three years old and are made from soft PVC which contains one or more of the substances di-isononyl phthalate (DINP), di-ethylhexyl phthalate (DEHP), di-butyl phthalate (DBP), di-isodecyl phthalate (DIDP), di-n-octyl phthalate (DNOP) and butylbenzyl phthalate (BBP)	12.12.2000
2000/588/A	Road planning, junctions, composite and multi-level junctions	15.1.2001

(1) Year — registration number — Member State of origin.

(2) Period during which the draft may not be adopted.

(3) No standstill period since the Commission accepts the grounds of urgent adoption invoked by the notifying Member State.

(4) No standstill period since the measure concerns technical specifications or other requirements linked to fiscal or financial measures, pursuant to the third indent of the second paragraph of Article 1(11) of Directive 98/34/EC.

(5) Information procedure closed.

The Commission draws attention to the judgment given on 30 April 1996 in the 'CIA Security' case (C-194/94 — ECR I, p. 2201), in which the Court of Justice ruled that Articles 8 and 9 of Directive 98/34/EC (formerly 83/189/EEC) are to be interpreted as meaning that individuals may rely on them before the national court which must decline to apply a national technical regulation which has not been notified in accordance with the Directive.

This judgment confirms the Commission's Communication of 1 October 1986 (OJ C 245, 1.10.1986, p. 4).

Accordingly, breach of the obligation to notify renders the technical regulations concerned inapplicable, so that they are unenforceable against individuals.

If you require any information on these notifications, please contact the national departments listed below:

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Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.1501 — GKN Westland/Agusta/JV)

(2000/C 305/03)

(Text with EEA relevance)

On 17 October 2000 the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to 1. Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 (1), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97 (2), by which the undertakings Finmeccanica SpA (Finmeccanica), Italy, and GKN plc (GKN), United Kingdom, acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, joint control of a newly created company constituting a joint venture by way of purchase of shares.

- 2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
- Finmeccanica: aerospace, helicopters, energy, transportation, defence and automation,
- GKN: automotive, aerospace and industrial services,
- JV: design, manufacture and marketing of military and civilian rotary-wing aircraft (helicopters) and related activities.

On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified concentration could fall within 3. 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 COMP/M.1501 — GKN Westland/Agusta/JV, to:

European Commission, Directorate-General for Competition, Directorate B — Merger Task Force, Rue Joseph II/Jozef II-straat 70, B-1000 Brussels.

Withdrawal of notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.1963 — Industri Kapital/Perstorp)

(2000/C 305/04)

(Text with EEA relevance)

On 15 May 2000 the Commission of the European Communities received notification of a proposed concentration between Industri Kapital Group and Perstorp AB. On 18 October 2000 the notifying parties informed the Commission that they withdrew their notification.

^{(&}lt;sup>1</sup>) 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.

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Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.2152 — Scottish & Newcastle/JV/Centralcer)

(2000/C 305/05)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 18 October 2000 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 UK undertaking Scottish & Newcastle plc (S & N) and VTR SGPS SA acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, joint control of the Portuguese undertaking Centralcontrol SGPS SA by way of purchase of shares. Centralcontrol SGPS SA is the parent company of Central de Cervejas SA's (Centralcer). VTR SGPS SA is the holding company for the interests of the following Portuguese companies: Banco Espírito Santo SA (BES), Parfil SGPS SA (Parfil), Fundaçao Bissaya Barreto (FBB), Olinveste and STDP-SGPS SA.

- 2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
- S & N: brewing, wholesaling and beer retailing in the UK, Ireland, France and Belgium mainly,
- Centralcer: brewing, wholesaling and beer retailing in Portugal,
- BES: retail and corporate banking, portfolio management and other banking services,
- Parfil, Olinveste and STDP: holding companies,
- FBB: non-profit making interest foundation.

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 COMP/M.2152 — Scottish & Newcastle/JV/Centralcer, to:

European Commission, Directorate-General for Competition, Directorate B — Merger Task Force, Rue Joseph II/Jozef II-straat 70, B-1000 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.

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.2065 — Achmea/BCP/Eureko)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(2000/C 305/06)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 18 October 2000 the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 4064/89 (¹), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97 (²), by which the Achmea group (NL) and Banco Comercial Português (BCP, Portugal) acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, joint control of Eureko (NL), by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Achmea: insurance and financial services,

- BCP: insurance and financial services,

- Eureko: insurance and financial services.

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. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 (³), 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.

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 (No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference COMP/M.2065 — Achmea/BCP/Eureko, to:

European Commission, Directorate-General for Competition, Directorate B — Merger Task Force, Rue Joseph II/Jozef II-straat 70, B-1000 Brussels.

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

^{(&}lt;sup>2</sup>) OJ L 180, 9.7.1997, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 40, 13.2.1998, p. 17.

^{(&}lt;sup>3</sup>) OJ C 217, 29.7.2000, p. 32.

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.2144 — Telefónica/Sonera/German UMTS JV)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(2000/C 305/07)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 18 October 2000 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 Telefonica Intercontinental SA, controlled by the Spanish Telefonica SA (Telefonica), and Sonera 3G Holding BV, controlled by the Finnish Sonera Corporation (Sonera), acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, joint control of the German undertaking Marabu Vermögensverwaltung GmbH (Marabu), by way of purchase of securities.

- 2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
- Telefonica: fixed line and mobile voice and data communications, value added and Internet access services, media and entertainment,
- Sonera: fixed line and mobile voice and data communications, Internet and service provision,
- Marabu: vehicle company set up for the purpose of acquiring a UMTS licence in Germany.

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. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 (³), 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.

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 (No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference COMP/M.2144 — Telefonica/Sonera/German UMTS JV, to:

European Commission, Directorate-General for Competition, Directorate B — Merger Task Force, Rue Joseph II/Jozef II-straat 70, B-1000 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.

^{(&}lt;sup>3</sup>) OJ C 217, 29.7.2000, p. 32.

III

(Notices)

COMMISSION

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

SCRE/111577/C/G

Euromed Heritage II

(2000/C 305/08)

1. Publication reference

SCRE/111577/C/G.

2. Programme and financing source

Programme: Euromed Heritage II Regional programme in support of the development of the Euro-Mediterranean cultural heritage (second phase).

Budget line: B7-4100, MEDA (measures to accompany the reforms to the economic and social structures in the Mediterranean non-member countries).

3. Nature of activities, geographical area and project duration

- (a) *Nature of activities*: Projects should be aimed at launching regional cooperation projects in the field of Euro-Mediterranean cultural heritage. Their specific objective should be to increase the capacity of Mediterranean countries to manage and develop their cultural heritage. Priority should be given to processes of learning, exchanging experiences and experimenting, in view of creating favourable conditions for the conservation and development of cultural heritage.
- (b) *Geographical area*: The geographical scale of the proposed activities should be that of the whole Mediterranean region or of a sub-region (¹).
- (c) Maximum project duration: The duration of a project may not exceed 36 months.

For details, see the guidelines for applicants referred to in point 13.

4. Overall amount available for this call for proposals:

EUR 24 million.

5. Maximum and minimum grant amounts

- (a) Minimum grant for a project: EUR 500 000;
- (b) Maximum grant for a project: EUR 3 000 000;
- (c) Maximum proportion of project costs to be covered by Community funding: 80 %.

6. Maximum number of grants to be awarded

A maximum of 16 grants may be awarded.

7. Eligibility: who may apply

To comply with the following conditions in order to be eligible for a grant applicants must:

- be non-profit-making,
- be private or public sector operators, non-governmental organisations, research institutes, universities, cultural associations, or local authorities,
- have their headquarters within the European Union and/or in a beneficiary country covered by the budget line under which the application is to be funded,
- be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the project, not acting as an intermediary,
- act in consortium with partner organisations as specified hereafter:

Applications may only be submitted by organisations coming from at least two European Union countries and a group of Mediterranean organisations covering the largest possible number of Mediterranean partners. Partners of applicants must satisfy the same eligibility criteria as those for applicants.

⁽¹⁾ The 12 Mediterranean partners, following the Barcelona Declaration, are Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Malta, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, the Palestinian Authority.

8. Award criteria

For details, see section 2.3 of the guidelines for applicants mentioned in point 13.

9. Applications format and details to be provided

Applications must be submitted using the standard application form attached to the guidelines for applicants mentioned in point 13, whose format and instructions must be strictly observed.

For each application, the applicant must supply one signed original and seven copies.

10. Deadline for applications

The deadline for reception of applications is 28 February 2001 at 16.00.

Any application received after the deadline will be automatically rejected, even if the postmark indicates a date preceding the deadline.

11. Addresses for applications

For details, see section 2.2.2 of the guidelines for applicants mentioned in point 13.

12. Information to be indicated on the application envelope

For details, see section 2.2.2 of the guidelines for applicants mentioned in point 13.

13. Detailed information

Detailed information on this call for proposals is contained in the guidelines for applicants, which are published together with this notice on the Internet website of the SCR:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/scr/tender/index_en.htm

All applicants are encouraged to consult the above Internet web page regularly before the deadline for applications since the Commission will publish the most frequently asked questions and the corresponding replies.

Any questions regarding this call for proposals should be sent by e-mail (including the publication reference of this call for proposals shown in point 1) to:

- For procedural, contractual and administrative questions: SCR
 E-mail: Dominique.Dumont@cec.eu.int
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- For technical questions and for identification of potential partners: DG RELEX E-mail: Johannes.Gehringer@cec.eu.int

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

SCRE/111576/C/G

Asia-Invest business meeting programme

(2000/C 305/09)

1. Publication reference

SCRE/111576/C/G.

2. Programme and financing source

Programme: Asia-Invest business meeting programme.

Budget line: B7-301 (political, economic and cultural cooperation with Asian developing countries).

3. Nature of activities, geographical area and project duration

(a) *Nature of activities:* The aim of Asia-Invest business meetings is to promote cooperation between enterprises from Asian countries and the European Union by supporting business-matching events. Projects should be within areas covered by the programme as described in further detail in the guidelines for applicants 2000.

- (b) Geographical area: The 15 Member States of the European Union and 18 countries of South and South-East Asia: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam.
- (c) Maximum project duration: 36 months.

For details, see the guidelines for applicants referred to in point 13.

4. Overall amount available for this call for proposals:

EUR 400 000.

5. Maximum and minimum grant amounts

- (a) Minimum grant for a project: EUR 100 000;
- (b) Maximum grant for a project: EUR 200 000;
- (c) Maximum proportion of project costs to be covered by Community funding: 50 %.

6. Maximum number of grants to be awarded

The maximum number of grants to be awarded is four.

7. Eligibility: who may apply

Non-profit organisations representing groups of companies, e.g. chambers of commerce, industrial organisations, federations of employers. Applicants must act in consortium with other eligible organisations. For details, see section 2.1.1 of the guidelines for applicants mentioned in point 13.

8. Award criteria

For details, see section 2.3 of the guidelines for applicants mentioned in point 13.

9. Application format and details to be provided

Applications must be submitted using the standard application form attached to the guidelines for applicants mentioned in point 13, whose format and instructions must be strictly observed. For each application, one signed original and five copies must be supplied by the applicant.

10. Deadline for applications

The deadline for reception of applications is 22 January 2001 at 16.00.

Any application received after the deadline will be automatically rejected, even if the postmark indicates a date preceding the deadline.

11. Address for applications

For details, see section 2.2.3 of the guidelines for applicants mentioned in point 13.

12. Information to be indicated on the application envelope

For details, see section 2.2.3 of the guidelines for applicants mentioned in point 13.

13. Detailed information

Detailed information on this call for proposals is contained in the guidelines for applicants, which are published together with this notice on the Internet Website of the SCR:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/scr/tender/index_en.htm

and on the Website of the Asia-Invest secretariat: http://www.asia-invest.com

Any questions regarding this call for proposals should be sent by e-mail (including the publication reference of this call for proposals shown in point 1) to:

For procedural, contractual and administrative questions: SCR
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 For technical questions and for identification of potential partners: Asia-Invest secretariat E-mail: asia.invest@asia-invest.com Fax (32-2) 282 17 60

All applicants are encouraged to consult the above Internet web page regularly before the deadline for applications since the Commission will publish the most frequently asked questions and the corresponding replies.