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II

(Information)

INFORMATION FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS AND BODIES

COMMISSION

Non-opposition to a notified concentration (Case COMP/M.4153 — Toshiba/Westinghouse)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2007/C 10/01)

On 19 September 2006, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. The full text of the decision is available only in English and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

- from the Europa competition website (http://ec.europa.eu/comm/competition/mergers/cases/). This website provides various facilities to help locate individual merger decisions, including company, case number, date and sectoral indexes,
- in electronic form on the EUR-Lex website under document number 32006M4153. EUR-Lex is the online access to European law. (http://eur-lex.europa.eu)

Non-opposition to a notified concentration (Case COMP/M.4464 — Goldman Sachs/Cerberus/Harpen)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2007/C 10/02)

On 15 December 2006, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. The full text of the decision is available only in English and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

- from the Europa competition website (http://ec.europa.eu/comm/competition/mergers/cases/). This website provides various facilities to help locate individual merger decisions, including company, case number, date and sectoral indexes,
- in electronic form on the EUR-Lex website under document number 32006M4464. EUR-Lex is the online access to European law. (http://eur-lex.europa.eu)

Non-opposition to a notified concentration (Case COMP/M.4427 — SHV/Mammoet)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2007/C 10/03)

On 18 December 2006, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. The full text of the decision is available only in English and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

- from the Europa competition website (http://ec.europa.eu/comm/competition/mergers/cases/). This website provides various facilities to help locate individual merger decisions, including company, case number, date and sectoral indexes,
- in electronic form on the EUR-Lex website under document number 32006M4427. EUR-Lex is the online access to European law. (http://eur-lex.europa.eu)

Non-opposition to a notified concentration (Case COMP/M.4492 — Candover/Ferretti)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2007/C 10/04)

On 20 December 2006, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. The full text of the decision is available only in English and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

- from the Europa competition website (http://ec.europa.eu/comm/competition/mergers/cases/). This
 website provides various facilities to help locate individual merger decisions, including company, case
 number, date and sectoral indexes,
- in electronic form on the EUR-Lex website under document number 32006M4492. EUR-Lex is the online access to European law. (http://eur-lex.europa.eu)

Non-opposition to a notified concentration (Case COMP/M.4413 — Apollo Group/GE Advanced Materials)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2007/C 10/05)

On 30 November 2006, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. The full text of the decision is available only in English and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

- from the Europa competition website (http://ec.europa.eu/comm/competition/mergers/cases/). This website provides various facilities to help locate individual merger decisions, including company, case number, date and sectoral indexes,
- in electronic form on the EUR-Lex website under document number 32006M4413. EUR-Lex is the online access to European law. (http://eur-lex.europa.eu)

Initiation of proceedings (Case COMP/M.4439 — Ryanair/AER Lingus)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2007/C 10/06)

On 20 December 2006, the Commission decided to initiate proceedings in the above-mentioned case after finding that the notified concentration raises serious doubts as to its compatibility with the common market. The initiation of proceedings opens a second phase investigation with regard to the notified concentration. The decision is based on Article 6(1)(c) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.

The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their observations on the proposed concentration to the Commission.

In order to be fully taken into account in the procedure, observations should reach the Commission not later than 15 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (fax No (32-2) 296 43 01 — 296 72 44) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.4439 — Ryanair/AER Lingus, to the following address:

Commission of the European Communities Competition DG Merger Registry Rue Joseph II/Jozef II-straat 70 B-1000 Brussels

Communication of the Commission concerning the date of mandatory application of the updated inventory and common nomenclature of ingredients employed in cosmetic products

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2007/C 10/07)

Under the terms of Article 6(1), introductory sentence, and 6(1)(g), sixth paragraph, of Council Directive 76/768/EEC of 27 July 1976 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to cosmetic products (¹) (Cosmetics Directive), the ingredients used in cosmetic products must be stated on the containers and packaging of cosmetic products, or on the packaging only, under their common nomenclature referred to in Article 7(2) or, failing this, under one of the nomenclatures set out in Article 5(a)(2), first indent

To this end, under the terms of Article 5(a)(3) and Article 7(2), the Commission shall draw up a list and adopt a common nomenclature and keep these up to date.

On 8 May 1996 the Commission accordingly adopted Decision 96/335/EC establishing an inventory and a common nomenclature of ingredients employed in cosmetic products (2). The inventory and the nomenclature were to be in use from 1 January 1997.

On 9 February 2006 the Commission adopted Decision 2006/257/EC amending Decision 96/335/EC in order to update the inventory and common nomenclature of ingredients employed in the cosmetic products set out in the Annex to Decision 96/335/EC.

Decision 2006/257/EC was published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 5 April 2006 (3).

The discussions with the Member States and representatives of the cosmetics industry enabled 1 February 2007 to be set as the economically and technically feasible deadline for the use of the updated inventory and nomenclature. From this date, under the terms of Article 6(1)(g), sixth paragraph, of the Cosmetics Directive, the labelling of cosmetic products placed on the market must comply with the inventory and common nomenclature arising from the update laid down in Decision 2006/257/EC.

In view of the absence of risk to human health, the Commission does not consider it necessary to withdraw cosmetic products placed on the market before 1 February 2007.

⁽¹) OJ L 262, 27.9.1976, p. 169.

⁽²) OJL 132, 1.6.1996, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 97, 5.4.2006, p. 1.

EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK

Memorandum of Understanding amending the Memorandum of Understanding on a Code of Conduct for the members of the Governing Council

(2007/C 10/08)

THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK

Having regard to the Memorandum of Understanding on a Code of Conduct for the members of the Governing Council of 16 May 2002 (1),

Whereas:

This amendment to the Code of Conduct for the members of the Governing Council further specifies the ethical regime applicable to the members of the Governing Council,

HAVE AGREED ON 21 DECEMBER 2006 TO AMEND THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON A CODE OF CONDUCT AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Article 3 of the Code of Conduct for the members of the Governing Council is amended as follows:

Article 3.3 is replaced by the following

'3.3 Respect of the principle of independence is incompatible with applying for, receiving or accepting from any source except from within the ESCB any benefits, rewards, remuneration or gifts in excess of EUR 200, whether financial or non-financial, which are connected in any way whatsoever with the function as a member of the Governing Council.'

The following Article 3.4 and 3.5 is inserted:

- '3.4 They may, however, accept invitations to conferences, receptions or cultural events and connected entertainment, including appropriate hospitality, if their participation in the event is compatible with the fulfilment of their duties as members of the Governing Council. In this respect, they may accept the refunding by the organisers of travel and accommodation expenses commensurate with the duration of their commitment except when the organisers are institutions under their supervision. In particular, members of the Governing Council should observe special prudence with regard to individual invitations. These rules should apply equally to their spouses or partners, if the invitations are also extended to them and if their participation is consistent with internationally accepted custom.
- 3.5 Members of the Governing Council shall not accept for themselves fees for lectures and speeches undertaken in their official capacity as members of the Governing Council.'

Article 2

Made in one original copy, deposited in the vaults of the ECB. Each party to this Memorandum of Understanding shall receive a certified copy thereof.

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IV

(Notices)

NOTICES FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS AND BODIES

COMMISSION

Euro exchange rates (¹) 15 January 2007

(2007/C 10/09)

1 euro =

	Currency	Exchange rate		Currency	Exchange rate
USD	US dollar	1,2941	RON	Romanian leu	3,3916
JPY	Japanese yen	156,00	SKK	Slovak koruna	34,815
DKK	Danish krone	7,4520	TRY	Turkish lira	1,8467
GBP	Pound sterling	0,65845	AUD	Australian dollar	1,6503
SEK	Swedish krona	9,0829	CAD	Canadian dollar	1,5108
CHF	Swiss franc	1,6127	HKD	Hong Kong dollar	10,0926
ISK	Iceland króna	90,99	NZD	New Zealand dollar	1,8630
NOK	Norwegian krone	8,3290	SGD	Singapore dollar	1,9952
BGN	Bulgarian lev	1,9558	KRW	South Korean won	1 214,51
CYP	Cyprus pound	0,5784	ZAR	South African rand	9,3305
CZK	Czech koruna	27,765	CNY	Chinese yuan renminbi	10,0834
EEK	Estonian kroon	15,6466	HRK	Croatian kuna	7,3642
HUF	Hungarian forint	252,10	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	11 795,72
LTL	Lithuanian litas	3,4528	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	4,5378
LVL	Latvian lats	0,6976	PHP	Philippine peso	63,204
MTL	Maltese lira	0,4293	RUB	Russian rouble	34,3750
PLN	Polish zloty	3,8693	THB	Thai baht	46,503

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