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AND AGENCIES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Non-opposition to a notified concentration**(Case COMP/M.6535 — Glory/Talaris Topco)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2012/C 218/01)

On 2 July 2012, 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:

- in the merger section of the Competition website of the Commission (<http://ec.europa.eu/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 (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/index.htm>) under document number 32012M6535. EUR-Lex is the on-line access to the European law.

Non-opposition to a notified concentration**(Case COMP/M.6648 — CGI/Logica)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2012/C 218/02)

On 18 July 2012, 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:

- in the merger section of the Competition website of the Commission (<http://ec.europa.eu/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 (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/index.htm>) under document number 32012M6648. EUR-Lex is the on-line access to the European law.
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Non-opposition to a notified concentration**(Case COMP/M.6672 — HHR Euro C.V./Starwood/Le Meridien Nuremberg)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2012/C 218/03)

On 17 July 2012, 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:

- in the merger section of the Competition website of the Commission (<http://ec.europa.eu/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 (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/index.htm>) under document number 32012M6672. EUR-Lex is the on-line access to the European law.
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III

(Preparatory acts)

EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK

OPINION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK

of 18 July 2012

on a Council recommendation on the appointment of a member of the Executive Board of the European Central Bank**(CON/2012/56)**

(2012/C 218/04)

Introduction and legal basis

On 16 July 2012, the European Central Bank (ECB) received a request from the President of the European Council for an opinion on a Council Recommendation of 10 July 2012 ⁽¹⁾ on the appointment of a member of the Executive Board of the European Central Bank.

The competence of the ECB's Governing Council to deliver an opinion is based on Article 283(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

General observations

1. The Council's recommendation, which was submitted to the European Council, and on which the European Parliament and the ECB's Governing Council are being consulted, recommends appointing Yves MERSCH as a member of the ECB's Executive Board for a term of office of eight years.
2. The ECB's Governing Council is of the opinion that the proposed candidate is a person of recognised standing and professional experience in monetary or banking matters as required by Article 283(2) of the Treaty.
3. The ECB's Governing Council has no objection to the Council's recommendation to appoint Yves MERSCH as a member of the ECB's Executive Board.

Done at Frankfurt am Main, 18 July 2012.

The President of the ECB

Mario DRAGHI

⁽¹⁾ Not yet published in the Official Journal.

IV

(Notices)

NOTICES FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS, BODIES, OFFICES AND AGENCIES

COUNCIL

Notice for the attention of the persons and entities to which restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2011/782/CFSP, as implemented by Council Implementing Decision 2012/424/CFSP, and Council Regulation (EU) No 36/2012, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 673/2012 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria apply

(2012/C 218/05)

The following information is brought to the attention of the persons and entities that appear in Annex I to Council Decision 2011/782/CFSP, as implemented by Council Implementing Decision 2012/424/CFSP ⁽¹⁾, and in Annex II to Council Regulation (EU) No 36/2012, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 673/2012 ⁽²⁾ concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria.

The Council of the European Union has decided that the persons and entities that appear in the above-mentioned Annexes should be included in the list of persons and entities subject to restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2011/782/CFSP and in Council Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria. The grounds for designations of those persons and entities appear in the relevant entries in those Annexes.

The attention of the persons and entities concerned is drawn to the possibility of making an application to the competent authorities of the relevant Member State(s) as indicated in the web-sites in Annex III to Regulation (EU) No 36/2012, in order to obtain an authorisation to use frozen funds for basic needs or specific payments (cf. Article 16 of the Regulation).

The persons and entities concerned may submit a request to the Council, together with supporting documentation, that the decision to include them on the above-mentioned list should be reconsidered, to the following address:

Council of the European Union
General Secretariat
DG C — Coordination Unit
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 175
1048 Bruxelles/Brussel
BELGIQUE/BELGIË

The attention of the persons and entities concerned is also drawn to the possibility of challenging the Council's decision before the General Court of the European Union, in accordance with the conditions laid down in Article 275, second paragraph, and Article 263, fourth and sixth paragraphs, of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 196, 24.7.2012, p. 81.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 196, 24.7.2012, p. 8.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Euro exchange rates ⁽¹⁾

23 July 2012

(2012/C 218/06)

1 euro =

Currency			Exchange rate		
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USD	US dollar	1,2105	AUD	Australian dollar	1,1784
JPY	Japanese yen	94,72	CAD	Canadian dollar	1,2314
DKK	Danish krone	7,4396	HKD	Hong Kong dollar	9,3899
GBP	Pound sterling	0,77980	NZD	New Zealand dollar	1,5301
SEK	Swedish krona	8,4508	SGD	Singapore dollar	1,5264
CHF	Swiss franc	1,2010	KRW	South Korean won	1 391,08
ISK	Iceland króna		ZAR	South African rand	10,2454
NOK	Norwegian krone	7,3810	CNY	Chinese yuan renminbi	7,7303
BGN	Bulgarian lev	1,9558	HRK	Croatian kuna	7,5028
CZK	Czech koruna	25,579	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	11 476,02
HUF	Hungarian forint	288,34	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	3,8396
LTL	Lithuanian litas	3,4528	PHP	Philippine peso	50,948
LVL	Latvian lats	0,6962	RUB	Russian rouble	39,4914
PLN	Polish zloty	4,1968	THB	Thai baht	38,470
RON	Romanian leu	4,6240	BRL	Brazilian real	2,4698
TRY	Turkish lira	2,2043	MXN	Mexican peso	16,3715
			INR	Indian rupee	67,7560

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

Explanatory Notes to the Combined Nomenclature of the European Union

(2012/C 218/07)

Pursuant to the second indent of Article 9(1)(a) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 of 23 July 1987 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff ⁽¹⁾, the Explanatory Notes to the Combined Nomenclature of the European Union ⁽²⁾ are hereby amended as follows:

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In the Explanatory Notes to subheading '**0806 20 10 Currants**' the existing text is replaced by the following:

'Currants are the dried product obtained from grapes of the varieties (cultivars) Korinthiski N. (*Black Corinth*) (*Vitis vinifera* L.). They are small, round, without stalks and almost seedless, dark purple in colour tending to black and very sweet.'

The following Explanatory Notes are added after subheading '**0806 20 10 Currants**':

'0806 20 30 Sultanas

Sultanas are the dried product obtained from grapes of the varieties (cultivars) Soultanina B. (or *Thompson seedless*) (*Vitis vinifera* L.). They are seedless, medium sized, golden in colour tending to brown and sweet.

0806 20 90 Other

This subheading includes all other dried grapes than currants and sultanas.

Dried muscatel grapes are the dried product obtained from grapes of the varieties (cultivars) of Moschato Alexandrias B. (or *Muscatel*, or *Malaga*) (*Vitis vinifera* L.). They contain seeds.'

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 256, 7.9.1987, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 137, 6.5.2011, p. 1.

**Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of the Directive 2004/22/EC
of the European Parliament and of the Council on measuring instruments**

(Text with EEA relevance)

(Publication of titles and references of harmonised standards under the directive)

(2012/C 218/08)

ESO ⁽¹⁾	Reference and title of the harmonised standard (and reference document)	Reference of superseded standard	Date of cessation of presumption of conformity of superseded standard Note 1
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
CEN	EN 1359:1998 Gas meters — Diaphragm gas meters		
	EN 1359:1998/A1:2006		
CEN	EN 1434-1:2007 Heat meters — Part 1: General requirements		
CEN	EN 1434-2:2007 Heat meters — Part 2: Constructional requirements		
	EN 1434-2:2007/AC:2007		
CEN	EN 1434-4:2007 Heat meters — Part 4: Pattern approval tests		
	EN 1434-4:2007/AC:2007		
CEN	EN 1434-5:2007 Heat meters — Part 5: Initial verification tests		
CEN	EN 12261:2002 Gas meters — Turbine gas meters		
	EN 12261:2002/A1:2006		
	EN 12261:2002/AC:2003		
CEN	EN 12405-1:2005+A2:2010 Gas meters — Conversion devices — Part 1: Volume conversion	EN 12405-1:2005 Note 2.1	31.10.2011
CEN	EN 12480:2002 Gas meters — Rotary displacement gas meters		
	EN 12480:2002/A1:2006		
CEN	EN 14154-1:2005+A2:2011 Water meters — Part 1: General requirements	EN 14154-1:2005+A1:2007 Note 2.1	31.10.2011
CEN	EN 14154-2:2005+A2:2011 Water meters — Part 2: Installation and conditions of use	EN 14154-2:2005+A1:2007 Note 2.1	31.10.2011
CEN	EN 14154-3:2005+A2:2011 Water meters — Part 3: Test methods and equipment	EN 14154-3:2005+A1:2007 Note 2.1	31.10.2011
CEN	EN 14236:2007 Ultrasonic domestic gas meters		
Cenelec	EN 50470-1:2006 Electricity metering equipment (a.c.) — Part 1: General requirements, tests and test conditions — Metering equipment (class indexes A, B and C)		

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Cenelec	EN 50470-2:2006 Electricity metering equipment (a.c.) — Part 2: Particular requirements — Electromechanical meters for active energy (class indexes A and B)		
Cenelec	EN 50470-3:2006 Electricity metering equipment (a.c.) — Part 3: Particular requirements — Static meters for active energy (class indexes A, B and C)		
Cenelec	EN 62058-11:2010 Electricity metering equipment (a.c.) — Acceptance inspection — Part 11: General acceptance inspection methods IEC 62058-11:2008 (Modified)		
Cenelec	EN 62058-21:2010 Electricity metering equipment (a.c.) — Acceptance inspection — Part 21: Particular requirements for electro-mechanical meters for active energy (classes 0,5, 1 and 2 and class indexes A and B) IEC 62058-21:2008 (Modified)		
Cenelec	EN 62058-31:2010 Electricity metering equipment (a.c.) — Acceptance inspection — Part 31: Particular requirements for static meters for active energy (classes 0,2 S, 0,5 S, 1 and 2, and class indexes A, B and C) IEC 62058-31:2008 (Modified)		
Cenelec	EN 62059-32-1:2012 Electricity metering equipment — Dependability — Part 32-1: Durability — Testing of the stability of metrological characteristics by applying elevated temperature IEC 62059-32-1:2011		

(¹) ESO: European Standards Organisation:

- CEN: Avenue Marnix 17, 1000 Bruxelles/Brussel, BELGIQUE/BELGIË, Tel. +32 25500811, Fax +32 25500819 (<http://www.cen.eu>),
- Cenelec: Avenue Marnix 17, 1000 Bruxelles/Brussel, BELGIQUE/BELGIË, Tel. +32 25196871, Fax +32 25196919 (<http://www.cenelec.eu>),
- ETSI: 650 route des Lucioles, 06921 Sophia Antipolis, FRANCE, Tel. +33 492944200, Fax +33 493654716 (<http://www.etsi.eu>).

Note 1: Generally the date of cessation of presumption of conformity will be the date of withdrawal ('dow'), set by the European Standardisation Organisation, but attention of users of these standards is drawn to the fact that in certain exceptional cases this can be otherwise.

Note 2.1: The new (or amended) standard has the same scope as the superseded standard. On the date stated, the superseded standard ceases to give presumption of conformity with the essential requirements of the directive.

Note 2.2: The new standard has a broader scope than the superseded standard. On the date stated the superseded standard ceases to give presumption of conformity with the essential requirements of the directive.

Note 2.3: The new standard has a narrower scope than the superseded standard. On the date stated the (partially) superseded standard ceases to give presumption of conformity with the essential requirements of the directive for those products that fall within the scope of the new standard. Presumption of conformity with the essential requirements of the directive for products that still fall within the scope of the (partially) superseded standard, but that do not fall within the scope of the new standard, is unaffected.

Note 3: In case of amendments, the referenced standard is EN CCCCC:YYYY, its previous amendments, if any, and the new, quoted amendment. The superseded standard therefore consists of EN CCCCC:YYYY and its previous amendments, if any, but without the new quoted amendment. On the date stated, the superseded standard ceases to give presumption of conformity with the essential requirements of the directive.

NOTE:

- Any information concerning the availability of the standards can be obtained either from the European Standardisation Organisations or from the national standardisation bodies of which the list is annexed to the Directive 98/34/EC of the European Parliament and Council amended by the Directive 98/48/EC.
 - Harmonised standards are adopted by the European Standardisation Organisations in English (CEN and Cenelec also publish in French and German). Subsequently, the titles of the harmonised standards are translated into all other required official languages of the European Union by the National Standards Bodies. The European Commission is not responsible for the correctness of the titles which have been presented for publication in the Official Journal.
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 - This list replaces all the previous lists published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*. The Commission ensures the updating of this list.
 - More information about harmonised standards on the Internet at
http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/european-standards/harmonised-standards/index_en.htm
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V

(Announcements)

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

HERCULE II — TRAINING PART

Call for proposals

(2012/C 218/09)

1. Objectives and description

This notice is based on Decision No 878/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2007 ⁽¹⁾ establishing a Community action programme to promote activities in the field of the protection of the Community's financial interests (Hercule II programme).

This call relates to the activities under Article 1(a)(b) of the Hercule II Decision, which consists of the organisation of training, seminars and conferences to support the fight against fraud, corruption and other illegal activities as well as the development and implementation of fraud prevention and detection policies.

2. Eligible applicants

Proposals eligible for funding can be submitted by the following applicants:

- all national or regional administrations of a Member State or in a country outside the Union which promote the strengthening of Union action to protect its financial interests,
- all research and education institutes that have had legal personality for at least one year, are established and operating in a Member State or in a country outside the Union and promote the strengthening of Union action to protect its financial interests,
- all non-profit-making bodies that have had legal personality for at least one year, are legally established in a Member State or in a country outside the Union and promote the strengthening of Union action to protect its financial interests.

Countries outside the European Union are: acceding countries and candidate countries associated with the European Union, on the basis of the conditions stipulated in the association agreements or their additional protocols on participation in European Union programmes concluded or to be concluded with those countries.

3. Eligible actions

Actions eligible for receiving financial support under this call should relate to the organisation of training activities with the aim to ensure the expansion of the knowledge base, the exchange of information and the identification and dissemination of good practice:

non-exhaustive list of training activities supported:

- training in the form of conferences, seminars, colloquia, meetings, symposia, e-learning, round tables and staff exchanges,
- exchanges of best practices (including on fraud risk assessment).

The financial contribution from EU for the proposed activities will not exceed 80 % of the eligible costs.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 193, 25.7.2007, p. 18.

4. Award criteria

The proposals will be evaluated on the basis of the following award criteria:

- consistency of the proposed activity with the objectives of the Hercule II programme,
- transnational character and European Union added value,
- degree of preparation and organisation of the project, and the clarity and precision of its objectives, design (including timetable) and planning,
- proportionality between the proposed activity's costs and benefits,
- feasibility of the proposed activity, i.e. the practical prospects of carrying it out using the proposed resources,
- cost-effectiveness: the project's costs should be consistent with its objectives. Its cross-sector and cross-border aspects will be taken into consideration,
- complementarity between the proposed activity and the other activities for which grants are awarded,
- compatibility with the work carried out or planned in connection with the European Union's policy priorities for preventing fraud against the EU budget (especially the fight against corruption, enlargement of the Union),
- possibility that the results can be used (e.g. through targeted distribution) to enhance cooperation and effectiveness in the field of fraud prevention.

5. Budget

The available budget under this call is EUR 1 000 000. The contribution will take the form of a grant. The Commission reserves the right not to allocate all the funds available.

6. Further information

The website http://ec.europa.eu/anti_fraud/about-us/funding/training/index_en.htm includes all necessary details (types of activities supported, targeted beneficiaries, budget, documents).

Question and/or requests for additional information in relation to this call have to be sent by e-mail to:

Olaf-anti-fraud-training@ec.europa.eu

7. Deadline for submission of applications

Applications must be submitted on or before the deadline: **25 September 2012.**

Only applications submitted by using the official application form, duly signed by the person entitled to enter into legally binding commitments on behalf of the applicant organisation, will be accepted. The sealed envelope must clearly mention:

'Application for OLAF Training Programme Hercule 2012'

The applications (original and one copy) must be sent by post to the following address:

European Commission — European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF)
Unit D.5 — Hercule, Pericles and Euro Protection
Office JII 30 — 01/16
1049 Bruxelles/Brussel
BELGIQUE/BELGIË

An electronic copy of the grant application form and containing all necessary annexes should also be sent by electronic mail to the following mailbox:

Olaf-anti-fraud-training@ec.europa.eu

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.6619 — TSR Recycling/HKS Scrap Metals)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2012/C 218/10)

1. On 17 July 2012, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertaking TSR Recycling GmbH & Co. KG ('TSR', Germany), acquire(s) within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of HKS Scrap Metals B.V. ('HKS', The Netherlands) by way of purchase of shares. TSR is jointly controlled by Alfa Acciai Spa ('Alfa Acciai', Italy), Cronimet Holding GmbH ('Cronimet', Germany) and Rethmann AG & Co. KG ('Rethmann', Germany).

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for TSR: trading and processing of ferrous and non-ferrous metal scrap,
- for Alfa Acciai: production of reinforcing steel,
- for Cronimet: trading in non-ferrous metal scrap and ferrous alloys,
- for Rethmann: water and environmental services, recycling management and transport and logistics services,
- for HKS: collecting, processing and trading of ferrous metal scrap.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the EC 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 EC Merger Regulation ⁽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. 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 number COMP/M.6619 — TSR Recycling/HKS Scrap Metals, to the following address:

European Commission
Directorate-General for Competition
Merger Registry
J-70
1049 Bruxelles/Brussel
BELGIQUE/BELGIË

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'EC Merger Regulation').

⁽²⁾ OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32 ('Notice on a simplified procedure').

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case COMP/M.6638 — ABN AMRO/Rabobank/Landsbanki/Heiploeg)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2012/C 218/11)

1. On 18 July 2012, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertakings ABN AMRO Effecten Compagnie B.V. ('AAEC', The Netherlands) belonging to ABN AMRO Bank N.V. ('ABN AMRO', The Netherlands), Rabo Investments B.V. ('Rabo Investments', The Netherlands) and Friesland Bank N.V. ('FB', The Netherlands) belonging to Coöperatieve Centrale Raiffeisen-Boerenleenbank B.A ('Rabobank', The Netherlands) and Landsbanki Islands HF ('Landsbanki', Iceland) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the undertaking Heiploeg Holding B.V. and its group companies ('Heiploeg Group', The Netherlands) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for ABN AMRO: international banking group active worldwide in four principal customer segments: personal banking, private banking, business and commercial clients and corporate and institutional clients,
- for Rabobank: bank and credit institution active in retail and corporate banking, financial, services and provision of mortgages,
- for Landsbanki: general bank and credit institution mainly active in retail and corporate banking,
- for Heiploeg Group: active in the sourcing, processing, distribution and selling of shrimps.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope the EC Merger Regulation. 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 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 e-mail to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.6638 — ABN AMRO/Rabobank/Landsbanki/Heiploeg, to the following address:

European Commission
Directorate-General for Competition
Merger Registry
J-70
1049 Bruxelles/Brussel
BELGIQUE/BELGIË

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'EC Merger Regulation').

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

European Commission

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