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II

(Information)

INFORMATION FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS, BODIES, OFFICES
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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Non-opposition to a notified concentration**(Case M.9296 — Macquarie/China Investment Corporation/Allianz/Dalmore/INPP/Gas Distribution
Business of National Grid)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2019/C 174/01)

On 10 May 2019, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the internal market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾. 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/homepage.html?locale=en>) under document number 32019M9296. EUR-Lex is the online access to European law.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

Non-opposition to a notified concentration**(Case M.9341 — First State Investment International/Iren Mercato/OLT Offshore LNG Toscana)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2019/C 174/02)

On 14 May 2019, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the internal market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾. 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/homepage.html?locale=en>) under document number 32019M9341. EUR-Lex is the online access to European law.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

IV

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AGENCIES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Euro exchange rates ⁽¹⁾

20 May 2019

(2019/C 174/03)

1 euro =

Currency	Exchange rate	Currency	Exchange rate
USD US dollar	1,1167	CAD Canadian dollar	1,5000
JPY Japanese yen	122,67	HKD Hong Kong dollar	8,7656
DKK Danish krone	7,4681	NZD New Zealand dollar	1,7071
GBP Pound sterling	0,87620	SGD Singapore dollar	1,5366
SEK Swedish krona	10,7668	KRW South Korean won	1 333,12
CHF Swiss franc	1,1263	ZAR South African rand	16,0392
ISK Iceland króna	137,80	CNY Chinese yuan renminbi	7,7228
NOK Norwegian krone	9,7978	HRK Croatian kuna	7,4268
BGN Bulgarian lev	1,9558	IDR Indonesian rupiah	16 166,80
CZK Czech koruna	25,766	MYR Malaysian ringgit	4,6712
HUF Hungarian forint	325,77	PHP Philippine peso	58,866
PLN Polish zloty	4,2968	RUB Russian rouble	72,0519
RON Romanian leu	4,7597	THB Thai baht	35,567
TRY Turkish lira	6,7315	BRL Brazilian real	4,5666
AUD Australian dollar	1,6141	MXN Mexican peso	21,3388
		INR Indian rupee	77,7860

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

COMMISSION DECISION**of 10 May 2019****amending Decision 2012/C 198/06 on setting up a multisectoral and independent expert panel to provide advice on effective ways of investing in health**

(2019/C 174/04)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Whereas:

- (1) Under Article 168(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Member States are required, in liaison with the Commission, to coordinate among themselves their policies and programmes in the areas referred to in paragraph 1 of that provision. The Commission may, in close contact with the Member States, take any useful initiative to promote such coordination, in particular initiatives aiming at the establishment of guidelines and indicators, the organisation of exchange of best practice, and the preparation of the necessary elements for periodic monitoring and evaluation.
- (2) Commission Decision 2012/C 198/06 ⁽¹⁾ established an expert group on effective ways of investing in health ('the panel'), in order to provide the Commission with independent and multisectoral advice on effective ways of investing in health.
- (3) Decision 2012/C 198/06 was originally intended to apply until 1 October 2015. Commission Decision 2015/6719/EC ⁽²⁾ extended the applicability of Decision 2012/C 198/06 by four years, until 1 October 2019.
- (4) The panel is still best placed to serve as a mechanism to further develop cross-country knowledge and expertise of health systems which can inform policies at national and at Union level and provide advice, thus contributing to effective, accessible and resilient health systems.
- (5) It is thus essential that the panel continues to provide advice on effective ways of investing in health, benefiting from the expertise available within the Union and beyond, as may be deemed necessary.
- (6) The period of application of Decision 2012/C 198/06 should be extended by 3 years until 31 December 2022 so as to allow the panel to function during the next appointment period.
- (7) Decision 2012/C 198/06 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Article 6 of Decision 2012/C 198/06 is replaced by the following:

'Article 6

Applicability

This Decision shall apply until 31 December 2022.'

Done at Brussels, 10 May 2019.

For the Commission

Jyrki KATAINEN

Vice-President

⁽¹⁾ Commission Decision 2012/C 198/06 of 5 July 2012 on setting up a multisectoral and independent expert panel to provide advice on effective ways of investing in health (OJ C 198, 6.7.2012, p. 7).

⁽²⁾ Commission Decision 2015/6719/EC of 30 September 2015 amending Decision 2012/C 198/06 on setting up a multisectoral and independent expert panel to provide advice on effective ways of investing in health (C(2015) 6719 final).

Summary of European Commission Decisions on authorisations for the placing on the market for the use and/or for use of substances listed in Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH)

(Published pursuant to Article 64(9) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 ⁽¹⁾)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2019/C 174/05)

Decisions granting an authorisation

Reference of the decision ⁽¹⁾	Date of decision	Substance name	Holder of the authorisation	Authorisation numbers	Authorised use	Date of expiry of review period	Reasons for the decision
C(2019) 3477	14 May 2019	Bis(2-methoxyethyl) ether (diglyme) EC No: 203-924-4 CAS No. 111-96-6	Roche Diagnostics GmbH, Sandhoferstrasse 116, 68305, Mannheim, Germany	REACH/19/19/0	Use as a process chemical in the manufacture of one specific type of Dynabeads® used in immunodiagnostic assays (in vitro diagnostic)	22 August 2029	Risk is adequately controlled in accordance with Article 60(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006. There are no suitable alternatives.

⁽¹⁾ The decision is available on the European Commission website at: http://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/chemicals/reach/about/index_en.htm

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 396, 30.12.2006, p. 1.

COMMISSION DECISION
of 17 May 2019
setting up the Commission expert group on gross national income
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2019/C 174/06)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 338 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the European Parliament and the Council adopt measures for the production of statistics where necessary for the performance of the activities of the Union.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 4 of Regulation (EU) 2019/516 of the European Parliament and the Council⁽¹⁾, the Commission must establish a formal expert group, composed of representatives of all Member States and chaired by a representative of the Commission, to advise the Commission on, and to express its views regarding, the comparability, reliability and exhaustiveness of gross national income ('GNI') calculations, to examine any issues in the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2019/516 and to issue annual opinions on the appropriateness of the GNI data submitted by the Member States for own resources purposes.
- (3) It is therefore necessary to set up a group of experts (the 'GNI expert group') in the GNI field and to define its tasks, its structure and its operation.
- (4) The GNI expert group should each year express an opinion on the appropriateness of the GNI data submitted annually by the Member States for use in the system of own resources of the European Union.
- (5) The GNI expert group should be composed of experts in national accounts from the national statistical authorities in Member States.
- (6) Rules on disclosure of information by members of the GNI expert group should be laid down.
- (7) Personal data should be processed in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁽²⁾,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Subject matter

The Commission expert group on gross national income, ('the GNI expert group') is hereby set up.

Article 2

Tasks

The GNI expert group's tasks shall be as follows:

- (a) to advise the Commission and to express its views, without prejudice to Article 2(3) of Regulation (EU) No 549/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁽³⁾, on the comparability, reliability and exhaustiveness of GNI calculations;

⁽¹⁾ Regulation (EU) 2019/516 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 March 2019 on the harmonisation of gross national income at market prices and repealing Council Directive 89/130/EEC, Euratom and Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1287/2003 (GNI Regulation) (OJ L 91, 29.3.2019, p. 19).

⁽²⁾ Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39).

⁽³⁾ Regulation (EU) No 549/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2013 on the European system of national and regional accounts in the European Union (OJ L 174, 26.6.2013, p. 1).

- (b) to examine issues regarding the implementation of the Regulation (EU) 2019/516;
- (c) to examine, on an annual basis, the data transmitted in accordance with Article 2(2) of Regulation (EU) 2019/516 and the report submitted in accordance with Article 2(3) of that Regulation concerning the sources and methods for calculating GNI and its components. That annual examination shall form the basis of an opinion of the GNI expert group on the appropriateness of Member States' GNI data for own resource purposes with respect to reliability, comparability and exhaustiveness. That opinion shall indicate the main documents on which the examination is based;
- (d) to assist the Commission in the preparation of legislative proposals and policy initiatives on the harmonisation of gross national income at market prices;
- (e) to assist the Commission in the preparation of delegated acts to be adopted pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2019/516;
- (f) to assist the Commission in the early preparation of implementing acts to be adopted pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2019/516, before submission to the European Statistical System Committee in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁴⁾;
- (g) to facilitate the exchange of experience and good practice in the field of the harmonisation of gross national income at market prices;
- (h) to advise the Commission regarding questions relating to revision policies of GNI data.

Article 3

Consultation

The Commission may consult the GNI expert group on any matter relating to gross national income.

Article 4

Membership

1. Members shall be the Member States' national statistical authorities referred to in Article 5(1) of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁵⁾.
2. Member States' national statistical authorities shall nominate their representatives and shall ensure that their representatives provide a high level of expertise in the compilation of national accounts.

Article 5

Chair

The GNI expert group shall be chaired by a representative of the Commission (Eurostat).

Article 6

Operation

1. The GNI expert group shall act at the request of the Commission (Eurostat), in compliance with the Commission's horizontal rules on expert groups ⁽⁶⁾ ('the horizontal rules').
2. Meetings of the group shall, in principle, be held on Commission premises.
3. The Commission (Eurostat) shall provide secretarial services. Commission officials from other departments with an interest in the proceedings may attend meetings of the group and of the sub-groups.
4. In agreement with Commission (Eurostat), the group may, by simple majority of its members, decide that deliberations shall be public.

⁽⁴⁾ Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers (OJ L 55, 28.2.2011, p. 13).

⁽⁵⁾ Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics (OJ L 87, 31.3.2009, p. 164).

⁽⁶⁾ Commission Decision C (2016) 3301 of 30 May 2016 establishing horizontal rules on the creation and operation of Commission expert groups.

5. Minutes on the discussion on each point on the agenda and on the opinions delivered by the GNI expert group shall be meaningful and complete. Minutes shall be drafted by the secretariat under the responsibility of the Chair.
6. The GNI expert group shall adopt its opinions, recommendations or reports where possible by consensus.
7. In the event of a vote, the outcome of the vote shall be decided by simple majority of the members. The members that voted against or abstained shall have the right to have a document summarising the reasons for their position annexed to the opinions, recommendations or reports.

Article 7

Sub-groups

The Commission (Eurostat) may set up sub-groups for the purpose of examining specific questions on the basis of terms of reference defined by the Commission. Sub-groups shall operate in compliance with the horizontal rules and shall report to the GNI expert group. They shall be dissolved as soon as their mandate is fulfilled.

Article 8

Invited experts

The Commission (Eurostat) may invite experts with specific expertise with respect to a subject matter on the agenda to take part in the work of the GNI expert group or sub-groups on an ad hoc basis.

Article 9

Observers

1. Organisations or public entities other than Member States' authorities may be granted an observer status, in compliance with the horizontal rules, by direct invitation.
2. Organisations or public entities appointed as observers shall nominate their representatives.
3. Observers and their representatives may be permitted by the Chair to take part in the discussions of the GNI expert group and provide expertise. However, they shall not have voting rights and shall not participate in the formulation of recommendations or advice of the GNI expert group.

Article 10

Rules of procedure

On a proposal by the Commission (Eurostat) and with its agreement, the GNI expert group shall adopt its rules of procedure by simple majority of its members, on the basis of the standard rules of procedure for expert groups, in compliance with the horizontal rules.

Article 11

Professional secrecy and handling of classified information

1. The members of the GNI expert group and their representatives, as well as invited experts and observers, are subject to the obligation of professional secrecy, which by virtue of the Treaties and the rules implementing them applies to all members of the institutions and their staff, as well as to the Commission's rules on security regarding the protection of Union classified information, laid down in Commission Decisions (EU, Euratom) 2015/443 ⁽⁷⁾ and 2015/444 ⁽⁸⁾. Should they fail to respect those obligations, the Commission may take all appropriate measures.
2. The members of the GNI expert group and their representatives, as well as invited experts and observers shall respect the statistical confidentiality, laid down in Regulation (EC) No 223/2009, and in particular in Article 20 (Protection of confidential data) thereof.

⁽⁷⁾ Commission Decision (EU, Euratom) 2015/443 of 13 March 2015 on Security in the Commission (OJ L 72, 17.3.2015, p. 41).

⁽⁸⁾ Commission Decision (EU, Euratom) 2015/444 of 13 March 2015 on the security rules for protecting EU classified information (OJ L 72, 17.3.2015, p. 53).

*Article 12***Transparency**

1. The GNI expert group shall be registered in the Register of Commission expert groups and other similar entities ('the Register of expert groups'). The name of the Member States' authorities and the names of observers shall be published on the Register of expert groups.
2. All relevant documents, including the agendas, the minutes and the participants' submissions, shall be made available after the meetings *via* a link from the Register of expert groups to a dedicated website. Access to dedicated websites shall not be subject to user registration or any other restriction. The agenda shall be published in due time ahead of the meeting, followed by timely publication of minutes. Exceptions to publication shall only be foreseen where it is deemed that disclosure of a document would undermine the protection of a public or private interest as defined in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁹⁾.

*Article 13***Meeting expenses**

1. Participants in the activities of the GNI expert group shall not be remunerated for their services.
2. Travel and subsistence expenses incurred by participants in the activities of the GNI expert group and sub-groups may be reimbursed by the Commission in accordance with the provisions in force within the Commission and within the limits of the available appropriations allocated to the Commission departments under the annual procedure for the allocation of resources.

Done at Brussels, 17 May 2019.

For the Commission

Marianne THYSEN

⁽⁹⁾ Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43). Exceptions intended to protect public security, military affairs, international relations, financial, monetary or economic policy, privacy and integrity of the individual, commercial interests, court proceedings and legal advice, inspections/investigations/audits and the institution's decision-making process.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES ON SOCIAL SECURITY
FOR MIGRANT WORKERS**

Rates for conversion of currencies pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 574/72

(2019/C 174/07)

Article 107(1), (2) and (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 574/72

Reference period: April 2019

Application period: July, August and September 2019

Apr-19	EUR	BGN	CZK	DKK	HRK	HUF	PLN
1 EUR =	1	1,95580	25,6777	7,46510	7,42877	321,081	4,28570
1 BGN =	0,511300	1	13,1290	3,81690	3,79833	164,169	2,19127
1 CZK =	0,0389443	0,0761673	1	0,290723	0,289309	12,5043	0,166904
1 DKK =	0,133957	0,261993	3,43970	1	0,99513	43,0110	0,574098
1 HRK =	0,134612	0,263274	3,45652	1,004889	1	43,2213	0,576905
1 HUF =	0,00311448	0,00609129	0,0799725	0,023250	0,0231367	1	0,0133477
1 PLN =	0,233334	0,456355	5,99149	1,74186	1,73339	74,9193	1
1 RON =	0,210143	0,410998	5,39599	1,56874	1,56110	67,4730	0,900609
1 SEK =	0,095408	0,186598	2,44985	0,712227	0,708761	30,6336	0,408888
1 GBP =	1,16002	2,26877	29,7866	8,65966	8,6175	372,461	4,97149
1 NOK =	0,103939	0,203284	2,66892	0,775916	0,772141	33,3729	0,445452
1 ISK =	0,00738751	0,0144485	0,189694	0,0551485	0,0548801	2,37199	0,031661
1 CHF =	0,882984	1,72694	22,6730	6,59156	6,55949	283,510	3,78420

Apr-19	RON	SEK	GBP	NOK	ISK	CHF
1 EUR =	4,75866	10,48135	0,862054	9,62101	135,364	1,13252
1 BGN =	2,43310	5,35911	0,440768	4,91922	69,2114	0,579059
1 CZK =	0,185323	0,408189	0,033572	0,374684	5,27165	0,0441053
1 DKK =	0,637455	1,40405	0,115478	1,28880	18,1329	0,151709
1 HRK =	0,640572	1,41091	0,1160426	1,29510	18,2215	0,152451
1 HUF =	0,0148207	0,0326439	0,00268485	0,0299644	0,421587	0,00352721
1 PLN =	1,110360	2,44566	0,201147	2,24491	31,5850	0,264256
1 RON =	1	2,20258	0,181155	2,02179	28,4457	0,237992
1 SEK =	0,454013	1	0,0822465	0,91792	12,9147	0,108051
1 GBP =	5,52015	12,1586	1	11,1606	157,025	1,31375
1 NOK =	0,494612	1,089423	0,0896012	1	14,0696	0,117714
1 ISK =	0,035155	0,077431	0,00636843	0,0710753	1	0,00836652
1 CHF =	4,20183	9,25487	0,761180	8,49520	119,524	1

Note: all cross rates involving ISK are calculated using ISK/EUR rate data from the Central Bank of Iceland

reference: Apr-19	1 EUR in national currency	1 unit of N.C. in EUR
BGN	1,95580	0,511300
CZK	25,6777	0,0389443
DKK	7,46510	0,133957
HRK	7,42877	0,134612
HUF	321,081	0,00311448
PLN	4,28570	0,233334
RON	4,75866	0,210143
SEK	10,48135	0,095408
GBP	0,862054	1,16002
NOK	9,62101	0,103939
ISK	135,364	0,00738751
CHF	1,13252	0,882984

Note: ISK/EUR rates based on data from the Central Bank of Iceland

1. Regulation (EEC) No 574/72 determines that the rate for the conversion into a currency of amounts denominated in another currency shall be the rate calculated by the Commission and based on the monthly average, during the reference period specified in paragraph 2, of reference rates of exchange of currencies published by the European Central Bank.

2. The reference period shall be:

- the month of January for rates of conversion applicable from 1 April following,
- the month of April for rates of conversion applicable from 1 July following,
- the month of July for rates of conversion applicable from 1 October following,
- the month of October for rates of conversion applicable from 1 January following.

The rates for the conversion of currencies shall be published in the second *Official Journal of the European Union* (C series) of the months of February, May, August and November.

