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⁽¹⁾ Text with EEA relevance.

II

(Information)

INFORMATION FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS, BODIES, OFFICES AND AGENCIES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Non-opposition to a notified concentration (Case M.10224 — OTPP/Nikky Investments/Logoplaste)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2021/C 205/01)

On 20 May 2021, 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 32021M10224. 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.10147 — Mitsui & Co/Mitsui Chemicals/Honshu Chemical Industry)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2021/C 205/02)

On 5 May 2021, 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:

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IV

(Notices)

NOTICES FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS, BODIES, OFFICES AND AGENCIES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Euro exchange rates (¹) 28 May 2021

(2021/C 205/03)

1 euro =

	Currency	Exchange rate		Currency	Exchange rate
USD	US dollar	1,2142	CAD	Canadian dollar	1,4711
JPY	Japanese yen	133,65	HKD	Hong Kong dollar	9,4246
DKK	Danish krone	7,4366	NZD	New Zealand dollar	1,6811
GBP	Pound sterling	0,85765	SGD	Singapore dollar	1,6102
SEK	Swedish krona	10,1250	KRW	South Korean won	1 355,86
CHF	Swiss franc	1,0960	ZAR	South African rand	16,7945
ISK	Iceland króna	146,50	CNY	Chinese yuan renminbi	7,7422
NOK	Norwegian krone	10,1790	HRK	Croatian kuna	7,5180
			IDR	Indonesian rupiah	17 404,54
BGN	Bulgarian lev	1,9558	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	5,0189
CZK	Czech koruna	25,451	PHP	Philippine peso	58,075
HUF	Hungarian forint	347,85	RUB	Russian rouble	89,4203
PLN	Polish zloty	4,4865	THB	Thai baht	38,004
RON	Romanian leu	4,9196	BRL	Brazilian real	6,3844
TRY	Turkish lira	10,4398	MXN	Mexican peso	24,3191
AUD	Australian dollar	1,5796	INR	Indian rupee	88,0860

 $^{(^{\}scriptscriptstyle 1})$ Source: reference exchange rate published by the ECB.

V

(Announcements)

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMON COMMERCIAL POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Notice of the impending expiry of certain anti-dumping measures

(2021/C 205/04)

1. As provided for in Article 11(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1036 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Union (¹), the Commission gives notice that, unless a review is initiated in accordance with the following procedure, the anti-dumping measures mentioned below will expire on the date mentioned in the table below.

2. Procedure

Union producers may submit a written request for a review. This request must contain sufficient evidence that the expiry of the measures would be likely to result in a continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury. Should the Commission decide to review the measures concerned, importers, exporters, representatives of the exporting country and Union producers will then be provided with the opportunity to amplify, rebut or comment on the matters set out in the review request.

3. Time limit

Union producers may submit a written request for a review on the above basis, to reach the European Commission, Directorate-General for Trade (Unit G-1), CHAR 4/39, 1049 Brussels, Belgium (2) at any time from the date of the publication of the present notice but no later than three months before the date mentioned in the table below.

4. This notice is published in accordance with Article 11(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1036.

Product	Country(ies) of origin or exportation	Measures	Reference	Date of expiry (1)
High tenacity yarn of polyesters	The People's Republic of China	Anti-dumping duty	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/325 of 24 February 2017 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of high tenacity yarns of polyesters originating in the People's Republic of China following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1036 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 49, 25. 2.2017, p. 6)	26. 2.2022

 $^(^1)$ The measure expires at midnight (00:00) of the day mentioned in this column.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 176, 30.6.2016, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ TRADE-Defence-Complaints@ec.europa.eu

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration (Case M.10275 — SMFL/Yanmar/Yanmar Credit) Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2021/C 205/05)

1. On 19 May 2021, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 (1).

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

- Sumitomo Mitsui Finance and Leasing Co., Ltd. ('SMFL', Japan), jointly controlled by Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc. (Japan) and Sumitomo Corporation (Japan);
- Yanmar Holdings Co., Ltd. ('Yanmar', Japan);
- Yanmar Credit Service Co., Ltd. ('Yanmar Credit', Japan), currently controlled by Yanmar.

SMFL and Yanmar acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and Article 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Yanmar Credit.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

- 2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
- SMFL offers a variety of financing services to its customers. Its core business is the provision of leasing services (financial leasing and operational leasing), rental services and installment sales services;
- Yanmar is active in the sale of engines used in a wide range of applications, energy systems and generators as well as agricultural machinery, compact construction equipment, components and boats;
- Yanmar Credit offers financing services in Japan.
- 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 the 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 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. The following reference should always be specified:

M.10275 - SMFL/Yanmar/Yanmar Credit

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

⁽²⁾ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

Observations can be sent to the Commission by email, by fax, or by post. Please use the contact details below:

Email: COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu

Fax +32 22964301

Postal address:

Prior notification of a concentration (Case M.10241 — Colony Capital/Liberty Global/JV) Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2021/C 205/06)

1. On 21 May 2021, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 (1).

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

- Colony Capital, Inc. ('Colony Capital', USA),
- Liberty Global plc ('Liberty Global', UK),
- Liberty Property HoldCo II S.à.r.l. ('the JV', Luxembourg).

Colony Capital and Liberty Global acquire within the meaning of Articles 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the whole of the JV.The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

- 2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
- for Colony Capital: management of a global portfolio composed of, amongst other, investments in digital infrastructure, including macro cell towers, data centres, small cell networks and fibre networks.
- for Liberty Global: operation of cable networks offering television, broadband Internet, fixed-line voice telephony and mobile telecommunications services in several EU Member States.
- for the JV: acquisition, development and commercialisation of technical real estate for the provision of colocation services in the United Kingdom and the EEA.
- 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 the 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 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. The following reference should always be specified:

M.10241 — Colony Capital/Liberty Global/JV

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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.

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Prior notification of a concentration (Case M.10202 — EQT/Investindustrial/JV) Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2021/C 205/07)

1. On 21 May 2021, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. (1)

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

- Igenomix, S.L.U. ('Igenomix', Spain), solely controlled by EQT AB ('EQT', Sweden); and
- Universal Clinics, S.L. ('Universal Clinics', Spain), solely controlled by Investindustrial S.A. ('Investindustrial', Luxembourg).

The proposed concentration consists of the acquisition of joint control, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation, of a newly created joint venture (the 'JV') by EQT, through Igenomix, and Investindustrial, through Universal Clinics.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

- 2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
- for EQT: management of investment funds. Portfolio companies controlled by EQT include notably Igenomix, a company dedicated to the business of genetic and molecular diagnostics, as well as clinical and complementary analyses, specialized in the reproductive sector and in vitro fertilisation related testing;
- for Investindustrial: management of investment funds. Portfolio companies controlled by Investindustrial include notably Universal Clinics, a company active in reproduction medicine through the ownership, operation and development of health clinics in Spain, Italy, Czech Republic and Sweden;
- for the JV: development and commercialisation of a non-invasive embryo culture medical device to be used by in vitro fertilization laboratories.
- 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 the 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 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. The following reference should always be specified:

M.10202 — EQT/Investindustrial/JV

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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.

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Prior notification of a concentration (Case M.10294 – MUFG/SMFG/MHFG/Resona HD/JV) Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2021/C 205/08)

1. On 20 May 2021, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 (1).

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

- Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc. ('MUFG', Japan);
- Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc. ('SMFG', Japan);
- Mizuho Financial Group, Inc. ('MHFG', Japan); and
- Resona Holdings, Inc. ('Resona HD', Japan).

MUFG, SMFG, MHFG and Resona HD acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Cotra Co., Ltd. (Japan), a newly created joint venture (the 'JV').

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

- 2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
- MUFG, SMFG, MHFG and Resona HD are banking groups based in Japan;
- the JV will develop and set up a new alternative electronic payments infrastructure exclusively in Japan, aimed mainly at small money transactions among and between individuals.
- 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 the 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 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. The following reference should always be specified:

M.10294 – MUFG/SMFG/MHFG/Resona HD/JV

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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.

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OTHER ACTS

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Publication of an application pursuant to Article 17(6) of Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of spirit drinks and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 1576/89

(2021/C 205/09)

This publication confers the right to oppose the application pursuant to Article 27 of Regulation (EU) No 2019/787 of the European Parliament and of the Council (¹)

MAIN SPECIFICATIONS OF THE TECHNICAL FILE

'Madarasi birspálinka'

EU No: PGI-HU-02489 - 6.3.2019

Geographical indication to be registered

'Madarasi birspálinka'

2. Category of the spirit drink

9. Fruit spirit

3. Description of the spirit drink

3.1. Physical, chemical and/or organoleptic characteristics

Chemico-physical characteristics

Alcoholic strength	minimum 43 % V/V
Methanol content	maximum 1 250 g/hl of 100 % vol. alcohol
Total volatile substance content	minimum 400 g/hl of 100 % vol. alcohol
Ethyl acetate content	maximum 300 g/hl of 100 % vol. alcohol

Organoleptic characteristics

'Madarasi birspálinka' has a water-clear colour and is characterised by a distinct, rich flavour and taste thanks to its basic ingredient.

The product offers a harmonious mix of the soft, citrusy and tart, and the sweet, waxy notes of quince. The prominent notes of quince are complemented by spicy, compote notes, followed by a discreetly tart, silky-cream aftertaste.

3.2. Specific characteristics (compared to spirit drinks of the same category)

Unlike other quince pálinkas, 'Madarasi birspálinka' has rich notes of compote that enhance the citrusy flavour of the quince. It has sweeter notes of compote than other quince pálinkas, which give it a softer, smoother character. The citrusy flavour of the distillate further enhances these compote notes.

4. Geographical area concerned

'Madarasi birspálinka' may be produced in commercial pálinka distilleries located in Bács-Kiskun County, where it may be mashed, fermented, distilled and rested. The quince used as the basic ingredient may originate from this area only.

5. Methods for obtaining the spirit drink

Pálinka production process:

- (a) Selection and acceptance of the fruit
- (b) Mashing and fermentation
- (c) Distillation
- (d) Resting and storage of the pálinka
- (e) Treatment and production of the pálinka

(a) Selection and acceptance of the fruit

The quince fruit must be healthy, whole and free of any signs of rotting.

The fruit must be measured upon acceptance, and an organoleptic evaluation must be performed (tasting, and if the means are available, examination of dry matter content (sugar content and pH measurement)) to check its quality.

Only quince that is suitably ripened and has a dry matter content of at least 12 ref. % can be used as the basic ingredient.

(b) Mashing and fermentation

Mashing:

The basis of mashing is suitably ripened, quality fruit. A special step in the production of 'Madarasi birspálinka' is the post-ripening of the quince before processing. This process can take up to 5 days if necessary. During that time, storing the fruit in a cool place (thereby preventing it from rotting) ensures a flawless ripening process and allows a similar degree of ripeness to be achieved. The aroma materials in the fruit concentrate further, giving the pálinka its unique flavour.

The down covering the surface of the quince must be removed, because if it enters the mash in large quantities, it will give the pálinka an unpleasant, acrid taste. Small quantities of down will not produce any unpleasant changes in the end product. The down is removed by washing, scrubbing and wiping it.

The hulled fruit is chopped and ground. Water may be added to the chopped fruit to achieve the right consistency. The ready mash is pumped into fermenting containers (steel or plastic).

Fermentation:

The process is controlled fermentation. The following ancillary materials may be used: water (drinking-grade); yeast (pressed or dried); acids for adjusting the pH value; enzymes (for the yeast); pectinolytic enzymes; and antifoaming agents.

In controlled fermentation, it is important to set the mash temperature precisely, at 16-22 °C. The acid content of the mash must be adjusted to a pH value of around 3-3,2, at which the yeast and enzymes continue to work effectively, but harmful bacteria cannot survive.

Using yeast ensures that fermentation sets in rapidly and runs its course smoothly, without any errors, and that the optimum aroma and alcohol content is achieved.

Fermentation must be checked by monitoring the temperature of the fermenting space, while the mash must be checked by daily visual inspection and by checking the sugar content if necessary.

Fermentation can be considered complete if the sugar content of the mash falls below 5 g per 100 g of mash. To prevent damage, the fermented mash should be distilled as soon as possible.

(c) Distillation

'Madarasi birspálinka' can be produced by means of a distillation device suited to double fractional distillation, using a traditional pot still incorporating a copper surface.

A pot-still is a cauldron that can hold 1 000 litres or less. For 'Madarasi birspálinka', the cauldrons used typically have a capacity of 300-500 litres. Distillation occurs in two stages. In the first stage, the low alcohol is produced, which already contains the aromas of the fruit, and alcoholic strength is 15-28 % V/V. In the second stage, refining, it is essential to separate the head, heart and tail distillate properly. During distillation, the head distillate can be determined only through organoleptic checks, while the tail distillate can be separated using the empirical values of the continuously measured alcohol.

(d) Resting and storage of the pálinka

After distillation, the pálinka should be rested before bottling away from the light, in a carboy or stainless steel container, in an undiluted state (generally 60-70 % V/V), to help the exquisite aromas to form.

For resting and storage, it is also important to place the pálinka in a room with a moderate degree of humidity and a uniform temperature.

(e) Treatment and production of the pálinka

After resting, the alcoholic strength of the distillate must be adjusted to the level required (\pm 0,3 % V/V) by adding drinking-grade water in line with the legal specifications.

The water can be distilled, desalinated, demineralised or softened water.

The pálinka adjusted to the alcoholic strength required may be bottled only in clean glass or ceramic bottles.

6. Link with the geographical environment or origin

6.1. Details of the geographical area relevant to the link

Bács-Kiskun County is located in one of Hungary's sunniest regions. The typically loose sandy soil heats up quickly, providing an excellent environment for the quince.

Quince grows best in warm, looser or medium-dense, more humid, aerated soils with good water management properties, and is most common in Bács-Kiskun County, where the conditions are favourable.

During the growing season, the sun shines for a plentiful 250-300 hours, the annual average temperature is 11,2 °C, and average rainfall is 475 mm.

6.2. Specific characteristics of the spirit drink attributable to the geographical area

The link between 'Madarasi birspálinka' and the geographical area is based on the product's quality and reputation.

The specific characteristics of quince grown in Bács-Kiskun County are the product of the physical environment's particular ecological features. The climate conditions of Bács-Kiskun County give pálinkas produced from the quince grown in the region their exquisite taste, flavour and aroma.

The sandy soil of the county provides the quince with a favourable, airy, well-formed substrate that helps give the fruit its uniqueness. The citrusy, spicy notes of the quince are the product of the loose sandy soil.

The sandy soil is rich in micronutrients. The grains of sand reflect the sunlight onto the fruit, providing a continuously warm environment during the ripening period.

The high average temperature and plentiful sunshine of Bács-Kiskun County give the quince a higher sugar content than that of quince grown in other regions, as they allow the quince to ripen well. The distillate produced from this quince is therefore sweeter, with notes of compote, giving the spirit a softer, smoother character than other quince pálinkas.

These compote notes are enhanced by the citrusy flavour of the distillate, thanks to the balanced acidity of the ripened quince.

The micronutrient-rich soil gives the quince, which is picked when suitably ripe (with a dry matter content of at least 12 ref. %), the rich flavour and taste that characterise 'Madarasi birspálinka'.

Producing these aromatic notes in the distillate takes considerable expertise and experience, which is passed down from generation to generation. Such expertise involves the post-ripening of the quince, removal of the down from the skin, mashing, and properly separating and refining the distillate.

Awards won by 'Madarasi birspálinka' at contests:

- 2008: Zsindelyes Festival Pálinka Tasting Silver medal
- 2012: HunDeszt Pálinka Contest Silver medal
- 2012: Third Vas County Open Pálinka and Spirit Contest Gold medal
- 2013: Fourth Vas County Open Pálinka and Spirit Contest Gold medal
- 2014: Third Regional Palóc Pálinka and Spirt Contest Silver medal
- 2014: Fifth Vas County Open Pálinka and Spirit Contest Silver medal
- 2015: Sixth Vas County Open Pálinka and Spirit Contest Gold medal
- 2016: National Pálinka Tasting Contest Pálinka Excellence medal
- 2016: Seventh Vas County Open Pálinka and Spirit Contest Gold medal
- 2017: Brillante Commercial Distilleries Pálinka Contest Silver medal
- 2017: National Pálinka Tasting Contest Pálinka Excellence medal
- 2017: Carpathian Basin Pálinka and Spirit Contest Silver medal

7. European Union or national/regional provisions

- Act XI of 1997 on the protection of trademarks and geographical indications
- Act LXXIII of 2008 on pálinka, grape marc pálinka and the Pálinka National Council
- Government Decree No 158/2009 of 30 July 2009 laying down the detailed rules for protecting the geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs and for verifying the products
- Government Decree No 22/2012 of 29 February 2012 on the National Food Chain Safety Office
- Decree No 28/2017 of 30 May 2017 of the Minister for Agriculture on the requirements for the self-inspection system to be operated by food businesses
- Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 January 2008 on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of spirit drinks and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 1576/89
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 716/2013 of 25 July 2013 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of spirit drinks

8. Applicant

8.1. Member State, third country or legal/natural person

Márton Lakatos (sole trader)

8.2. Full address (street number and name, town/city and postal code, country)

Szent István utca 105, H-6456 Madaras

9. Supplement to the geographical indication

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10. Specific labelling rules

In addition to the elements specified in the legislation, the designation also contains the following:

— 'földrajzi árujelző' [geographical indication] (separate from the name)

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