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<sup>(1)</sup> Text with EEA relevance.

## II

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AND AGENCIES

## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

**Non-opposition to a notified concentration****(Case M.10654 – KKR / ACCELL GROUP)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2022/C 151/01)

On 23 March 2022, 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 <sup>(1)</sup>. 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 policy’ 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 32022M10654. EUR-Lex is the online point of access to European Union law.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

**Non-opposition to a notified concentration**  
**(Case M.10639 – MAX MARA / MITSUI / MCJ)**

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2022/C 151/02)

On 18 March 2022, 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 <sup>(1)</sup>. 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 policy’ 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 32022M10639. EUR-Lex is the online point of access to European Union law.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

## IV

(Notices)

## NOTICES FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS, BODIES, OFFICES AND AGENCIES

## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Euro exchange rates <sup>(1)</sup>

5 April 2022

(2022/C 151/03)

1 euro =

Currency	Exchange rate	Currency	Exchange rate		
USD	US dollar	1,0969	CAD	Canadian dollar	1,3647
JPY	Japanese yen	134,76	HKD	Hong Kong dollar	8,5917
DKK	Danish krone	7,4378	NZD	New Zealand dollar	1,5657
GBP	Pound sterling	0,83490	SGD	Singapore dollar	1,4867
SEK	Swedish krona	10,2593	KRW	South Korean won	1 330,81
CHF	Swiss franc	1,0141	ZAR	South African rand	15,9529
ISK	Iceland króna	141,60	CNY	Chinese yuan renminbi	6,9783
NOK	Norwegian krone	9,5398	HRK	Croatian kuna	7,5399
BGN	Bulgarian lev	1,9558	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	15 732,77
CZK	Czech koruna	24,338	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	4,6185
HUF	Hungarian forint	370,93	PHP	Philippine peso	56,194
PLN	Polish zloty	4,6265	RUB	Russian rouble	
RON	Romanian leu	4,9438	THB	Thai baht	36,697
TRY	Turkish lira	16,1500	BRL	Brazilian real	5,0384
AUD	Australian dollar	1,4374	MXN	Mexican peso	21,7474
			INR	Indian rupee	82,6350

<sup>(1)</sup> Source: reference exchange rate published by the ECB.

**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 <sup>(1)</sup>)*

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2022/C 151/04)

**Decision granting an authorisation**

Reference of the decision <sup>(1)</sup>	Date of decision	Substance name	Holder of the authorisation	Authorisation number	Authorised use	Date of expiry of review period	Reasons for the decision
C(2022) 1518	17 March 2022	4-(1,1,3,3-Tetra methylbutyl)phenol, ethoxylated (4-tert-OPnEO) EC No: -, CAS No:-	Diagnostica Stago, 3 allée Thérésa, CS 10009, 92665, Asnières sur Seine, France	REACH/22/4/0	Industrial use for its detergent properties in the process of cell lysing for the production of in-vitro diagnostic reagents (Asserachrom® HPIA, Asserachrom® HPIA-IgG and Asserachrom® PF4 and STA®-Néoplastine® R15 assays)	4 January 2028	In accordance with Article 60(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006, the socio-economic benefits outweigh the risk to human health and the environment from the uses of the substance and there are no suitable alternative substances or technologies.
				REACH/22/4/1	Industrial use in view of controlling the amount of non-specific reactions in the production of in-vitro diagnostic reagents (STA® - Liatest® D-Di assays)	4 January 2033	

<sup>(1)</sup> The decision is available on the European Commission website at: [Authorisation \(europa.eu\)](http://Authorisation.europa.eu).

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 396, 30.12.2006, p. 1.

**Explanatory Notes to the Combined Nomenclature of the European Union**

(2022/C 151/05)

Pursuant to Article 9(1), point (a), of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 <sup>(1)</sup>, the Explanatory Notes to the Combined Nomenclature of the European Union <sup>(2)</sup> are hereby amended as follows:

On page 374,

*the Explanatory note to CN subheadings '8701 91 10 to 8701 95 90 Other, of an engine power'*

*is replaced by the following text:*

'These subheadings include so-called all-terrain vehicles (ATV), designed to be used as tractors. These four-wheeled vehicles are fitted with a motor-car-type steering system (based on the Ackerman principle) controlled by a handlebar, equipped with a coupling device of any kind, for example, a towing hitch, and feature the technical characteristics enabling them to haul or push a load, or to tow a non-braked trailer of twice their own dry weight (that is, the weight of the vehicle without any liquids, passengers or cargo) or more.

The following features are indicative of the technical characteristics generally applicable to the vehicles that fall under these subheadings:

- brakes on all wheels;
- an automatic clutch and a reverse gear;
- an engine specially designed for use in difficult terrain and capable in low ratio of delivering sufficient power;
- power transmission to the wheels by drive shafts;
- tyres having a deep tread design, suitable for rough terrain.

The towing capacity can be proved by technical documentation, user manual or certificate from the manufacturer or from a national authority, specifying exactly in kilograms the towing capacity of the all-terrain vehicle, as well as its dry weight.

Where those vehicles are, furthermore, in accordance with the explanatory note to subheading 8701 91 10, they are to be classified according to their engine power, under subheadings 8701 91 10, 8701 92 10, 8701 93 10, 8701 94 10 or 8701 95 10, as agricultural or forestry tractors. Otherwise, they fall under subheadings 8701 91 90, 8701 92 90, 8701 93 90, 8701 94 90 or 8701 95 90.'

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<sup>(1)</sup> Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 of 23 July 1987 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff (OJ L 256, 7.9.1987, p. 1).

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ C 119, 29.3.2019, p. 1.

**Explanatory Notes to the Combined Nomenclature of the European Union**

(2022/C 151/06)

Pursuant to Article 9(1)(a) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 <sup>(1)</sup>(1), the Explanatory Notes to the Combined Nomenclature of the European Union <sup>(2)</sup> are hereby amended as follows:

On page 51, in the Explanatory note to CN heading '**0712 Dried vegetables, whole, cut, sliced, broken or in powder, but not further prepared**', the following new last paragraph is inserted:

**0712** 'Heat treatment with the aim of reducing microorganisms (e.g. with hot steam) on the product surface is allowed in this heading, provided that the products retain the character of dried vegetables, not further prepared.'

On page 52, in the Explanatory note to CN heading '**0714 Manioc, arrowroot, salep, Jerusalem artichokes, sweet potatoes and similar roots and tubers with high starch or inulin content, fresh, chilled, frozen or dried, whether or not sliced or in the form of pellets; sago pith**', the following new last paragraph is inserted:

**0714** 'Heat treatment with the aim of reducing microorganisms (e.g. with hot steam) on the product surface is allowed for the dried products of this heading, provided that the products retain the character of dried roots and tubers, not further prepared than by the methods allowed for in this heading.'

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<sup>(1)</sup> Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 of 23 July 1987 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff (OJ L 256, 7.9.1987, p. 1).

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ C 119, 29.3.2019, p. 1.

**Explanatory Notes to the Combined Nomenclature of the European Union**

(2022/C 151/07)

Pursuant to Article 9(1)(a) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 <sup>(1)</sup>, the Explanatory Notes to the Combined Nomenclature of the European Union <sup>(2)</sup> are hereby amended as follows:

On page 31, in the Explanatory note to subheadings '**0302 33 10 and 0302 33 90 Skipjack or stripe-bellied bonito**' the last paragraph is replaced by the following text:

**0302 33 10 and 0302 33 90** 'These subheadings do not cover the Atlantic or belted bonitos (*Sarda sarda*), which have oblique bands on their backs. These fish, if fresh or chilled, are classified in subheading 0302 49 90.'

On page 32, after the Explanatory note to CN subheading '**0302 43 90 Brisling or sprats (*Sprattus sprattus*)**' the following text is inserted:

**'0302 49 90 Other**

This subheading also includes:

1. the Atlantic or belted bonitos (*Sarda sarda*), which have oblique bands on their backs, as well as all other *Sarda* species;
2. capelin (*Mallotus villosus*).'

On page 33, in the Explanatory note to subheading '**0302 89 90 Other**' the text is replaced by the following text:

**'0302 89 90 Other**

The saltwater fish falling in this subheading include:

1. whiting-pout (*Trisopterus luscus* and *Trisopterus esmarki*);
2. comber (*Serranus* spp.) and grouper (*Epinephelus* spp.);
3. striped mullet (*Mullus barbatus*) and red mullet or surmullet (*Mullus surmulletus*);
4. gurnard or gurnet (*Trigla*, *Eutrigla*, *Aspitrigla*, *Lepidotrigla* and *Trigloporus* spp.);
5. scorpion fish (*Scorpaena* spp.);
6. sea lamprey (*Petromyzon marinus*);
7. garfish or needle-fish (*Belone belone*) and weevers (*Trachinus* spp.);
8. smelt (*Osmerus* spp.);
9. fish of the species *Kathetostoma giganteum*.'

On page 34, in the Explanatory note to subheading '**0305 63 00 Anchovies (*Engraulis* spp.)**' the text is replaced by the following text:

**'0305 63 00 Anchovies (*Engraulis* spp.)**

The anchovies in brine belonging to this subheading have undergone no further preparation. They are put up in small barrels or jars or often in hermetically sealed cans without having undergone any heat treatment after closure of the can.'

<sup>(1)</sup> Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 of 23 July 1987 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff (OJ L 256, 7.9.1987, p. 1).

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ C 119, 29.3.2019, p. 1.

**Explanatory Notes to the Combined Nomenclature of the European Union**

(2022/C 151/08)

Pursuant to Article 9(1)(a) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 <sup>(1)</sup>(1), the Explanatory Notes to the Combined Nomenclature of the European Union <sup>(2)</sup> are hereby amended as follows:

On page 111, the Explanatory note to subheading '**2403 99 10 Chewing tobacco and snuff**' is replaced by the following text:

**'2403 99 10 Chewing tobacco and snuff (nasal tobacco)**

Chewing tobacco is tobacco in the form of rolls, sticks, strips, cubes and blocks, which is specially prepared to be chewed but not smoked and which is put up for retail sale. The tobacco is generally not ground.

Snuff (nasal tobacco) is tobacco in dry powder or grain form, which has been specially treated so that it can be taken as snuff (nasal tobacco) but not smoked or taken by mouth.

Provided that they satisfy the above conditions, products consisting in part of substances other than tobacco are classified in this subheading.'

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<sup>(1)</sup> Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 of 23 July 1987 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff (OJ L 256, 7.9.1987, p. 1).

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ C 119, 29.3.2019, p. 1.

## NOTICES FROM MEMBER STATES

**Information communicated by Member States regarding closure of fisheries**

(2022/C 151/09)

In accordance with Article 35(3) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 establishing a Union control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy <sup>(1)</sup>, a decision has been taken to close the fishery as set down in the following table:

Date and time of closure	25.3.2022 at 24:00 UTC
Duration	25.3.2022 at 24:00 UTC- 30.6.2022
Member State	European Union (All Member States)
Stock or Group of stocks	RED/N3M.
Species	Redfishes ( <i>Sebastes</i> spp.)
Zone	NAFO 3M
Type(s) of fishing vessels	—
Reference number	01/TQ109

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 343, 22.12.2009, p. 1.

**Commission information notice pursuant to Article 17(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules for the operation of air services in the Community**

**Invitation to tender in respect of the operation of scheduled air services in accordance with public service obligations**

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2022/C 151/10)

Member State	Spain
Concerned route	Badajoz-Madrid Badajoz-Barcelona
Period of validity of the contract	2 years following the start of the operations, plus two additional years (2) if extension needed.
Deadline for submission of tenders	Not before 2 months following the date of publication of this notice
Address where the text of the invitation to tender and any relevant information and/or documentation related to the public tender and the public service obligation can be obtained	Ministerio de Transportes, Movilidad y Agenda Urbana Dirección General de Aviación Civil Subdirección General de Transporte Aéreo Paseo de la Castellana 67 28071 Madrid ESPAÑA  Tel. +34 915977505 Fax +34 915978643 Email: osp.dgac@mitma.es

## V

(Announcements)

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION  
POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

**Prior notification of a concentration**

**(Case M.10676 - NEXT / WP / PINK)**

**Candidate case for simplified procedure**

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2022/C 151/11)

1. On 25 March 2022, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 <sup>(1)</sup>.

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

- Next Holdings Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Next plc ('Next', United Kingdom),
- Warburg Pincus LLC ('WP', United States),
- Pink Topco Limited ('Pink', Jersey), controlled by WP.

Next and WP will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Pink, currently solely controlled by WP.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are the following:

- Next is a UK-based retailer selling Next-branded menswear, womenswear, childrenswear, lingerie, footwear, homeware and furniture, gifts and flowers, both in-store and online, including in the EEA,
- WP is a US-based member-owned global private equity firm, whose investments are focused on a range of sectors in North America, Europe and Asia, including industrial, energy, financial services, healthcare and technology, media and telecommunications, and consumer goods, including retail sale of apparel and footwear,
- Pink is the owner of the Reiss brand, which is active in the sale of Reiss-branded menswear, womenswear, footwear and accessories, both in-store and online, including in 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 Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the Notice.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

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.10676 – NEXT / WP / PINK

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

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