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⁽¹⁾ Text with EEA relevance

I

(Resolutions, recommendations and opinions)

OPINIONS

COMMISSION

COMMISSION OPINION

of 27 November 2008

in application of Article 7 of Directive 98/37/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards a prohibition measure adopted by the Hungarian authorities in respect of an electric planer bearing the trademark STRAUS AUSTRIA MD-2007-141

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2008/C 306/01)

1. The notification by the Hungarian authorities

Article 2(1) of Directive 98/37/EC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to machinery states that Member States shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that machinery covered by the Directive may be placed on the market and put into service only if it does not endanger the health and safety of persons and, where appropriate, domestic animals or property, when properly installed and maintained and used for its intended purpose.

Article 7(1) of the Directive provides that where a Member State ascertains that machinery bearing the EC marking used in accordance with its intended purpose is liable to endanger the safety of persons, and, where appropriate, domestic animals or property, it shall take all appropriate measures to withdraw such machinery from the market, to prohibit the placing on the market, putting into service or use thereof, or to restrict free movement thereof. The Member State shall immediately inform the Commission of any such measure, indicating the reason for its decision.

On 4 September 2007, the Hungarian authorities notified to the European Commission a prohibition measure concerning the placing on the market of a hand-held portable electric planer bearing the trademark STRAUS AUSTRIA, of the type ST/PL 821-902. The manufacturer of the machinery is Jiangsu Jinding Electric Tools Group Co. Ltd, Huangli Town, Changzhou, Jiangsu, 213151, China and the machinery was distributed by Superline Hungary Kft., H-1162 Budapest, Csömöri út 269 and by Dimension Europe Kft., H-1173 Budapest, Újlak u. 21. 5. em. 50.

The file transmitted to the European Commission included the following documents:

- Certificate No AM50046679 0001 dated 29 July 2004 and Certificate No S 50045577 dated 29 July 2004 issued by TÜV Rheinland Product Safety GmbH, Am Grauen Stein, D-51105 Cologne, for an electric planer type DB-82X2A granting the 'GS' mark for the electric planer,
- a declaration by Jiangsu Jingjing Electric Tools, China, dated 30 August 2006 stating that the electric planer type DB-82X2A is equivalent to the electric planer type ST/PL 821-902 subject to the Hungarian measure,
- an EC Declaration of Conformity drawn up by Superline Hungary Kft. dated 5 July 2006 referring to Certificate No S 50045677.

Pursuant to Article 7(2) of the Directive, the Commission is required, after consulting the parties concerned, to declare whether it finds such a measure justified or not. If the measure is found justified, the Commission shall inform the Member States so that they can take all appropriate measures with respect to the machinery concerned, in accordance with their obligations under Article 2(1).

2. The reasons given by the Hungarian authorities

The measure taken by the Hungarian authorities was founded on the failure of the electric planer to comply with the following essential health and safety requirements of Annex I to Directive 98/37/EC (with reference to the specifications of the harmonised European standard EN 60745-1:2003 'Hand-held motor-operated electric tools — Safety — Part 1: General requirements' and EN 60745-2-14 'Hand-held motor-operated electric tools — Safety — Part 2-14: Particular requirements for planers', which are referred to in the manufacturer's EC Declaration of Conformity).

1.5.1. Electricity supply

Insufficient electric strength of reinforced insulation: flashover occurred between the accessible metal parts and live parts at a voltage level below the prescribed threshold, thus posing the risk of electric shock.

1.5.6. Fire

During the thermal test the machinery caught fire, emitted smoke and flame then stopped.

1.7.3. Marking

The identification mark, the name and address of the manufacturer and, the year of manufacture were not indicated on the planer.

1.7.4. Instructions

The instructions did not contain the name and address of the manufacturer nor several instructions required for the safe operation of the machinery, such as electricity safety rules, etc.

3. The commission's opinion

On 15 November 2007, the Commission wrote to Jiangsu Jinding Electric Tools Group Co., Superline Hungary Kft. who signed the EC Declaration of Conformity, and Dimension Europe Kft., inviting them to communicate their observations regarding the measure taken by the Hungarian authorities.

On 15 November 2007, the Commission also wrote to TÜV Rheinland, Cologne, that had issued a conformity certificate No AM 50046679 0001 for an electric planer type DB-82X2A which was claimed to be equivalent to electric planer type ST/PL 821-902 subject to the Hungarian measure.

On 3 December 2007, TÜV Rheinland replied confirming that they had issued a conformity certificate for the electric planer type DB-82X2A and stating that the certificate was only valid until March 2007. They could not confirm that the electric planer type ST/PL 821-902 was equivalent to the electric planer type DB-82X2A and stated they had not tested or certified the type ST/PL 821-902.

On 6 December 2007, Jiangsu Jinding Electric Tools Group Co. replied stating that their electric planer and the planer subject to the Hungarian measure were not identical and that the planer subject to the Hungarian measure was not manufactured by them. They stated that they were considering legal action against those misusing their name.

In light of the documentation available and the comments of the parties concerned, the Commission considers that the Hungarian authorities have demonstrated that the machinery subject to the restrictive measure fails to comply with the essential health and safety requirements referred to above. These non-conformities give rise to serious risks for persons using the machinery in question.

Consequently, having followed the required procedure, the Commission is of the opinion that the measure taken by the Hungarian authorities is justified.

Done at Brussels, 27 November 2008.

For the Commission
Günter VERHEUGEN
Vice-President

COMMISSION OPINION

of 27 November 2008

in application of Article 7 of Directive 98/37/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards a prohibition measure adopted by the Hungarian authorities in respect of an angle grinder bearing the trademark MANS FRIEND MD-2007-139

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2008/C 306/02)

1. The notification by the Hungarian authorities

Article 2(1) of Directive 98/37/EC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to machinery states that Member States shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that machinery covered by the Directive may be placed on the market and put into service only if it does not endanger the health and safety of persons and, where appropriate, domestic animals or property, when properly installed and maintained and used for its intended purpose.

Article 7(1) of the Directive provides that where a Member State ascertains that machinery bearing the EC marking used in accordance with its intended purpose is liable to endanger the safety of persons, and, where appropriate, domestic animals or property, it shall take all appropriate measures to withdraw such machinery from the market, to prohibit the placing on the market, putting into service or use thereof, or to restrict free movement thereof. The Member State shall immediately inform the Commission of any such measure, indicating the reason for its decision.

On 23 July 2007, the Hungarian authorities notified to the European Commission a prohibition measure concerning the placing on the market of a hand-held portable electric angle grinder bearing the trademark MANS FRIEND, of the type MF 125-110. The machinery was manufactured by Jinhua Max-power Tools Co., Ltd, Western Binhong Road 558, section 2, Jinhua Industrial Area, Zhejiang, China, and distributed by Baumann Hungary Kft., H-1162 Budapest, János utca 118.

The file transmitted to the European Commission included the following documents:

- Certificate No 05SHW0991-01 dated 10 May 2005 for an angle grinder type S1M-MP6-125 issued by Intertek Deutschland GmbH granting the 'GS' mark for the angle grinder,
- Certificate No JSH0411771 dated 8 May 2005 and Certificate No 531226 dated 10 May 2005 for the same type of angle grinder S1M-MP6-125 issued by Intertek ETL SEMKO, Shanghai,
- a declaration by Max-power Tools Co. dated 12 July 2006, stating that the angle grinder type S1M-MP6-125 is equivalent to item MF 125-110 that is subject to the Hungarian measure,
- an EC Declaration of Conformity drawn up by Baumann Hungary Kft. dated 18 July 2006 referring to Certificate No JSH0411771.

Pursuant to Article 7(2) of the Directive, the Commission is required, after consulting the parties concerned, to declare whether it finds such a measure justified or not. If the measure

is found justified, the Commission shall inform the Member States so that they can take all appropriate measures with respect to the machinery concerned, in accordance with their obligations under Article 2(1).

2. The reasons given by the Hungarian authorities

The measure taken by the Hungarian authorities was founded on the failure of the angle grinder to comply with the following essential health and safety requirements of Annex I to Directive 98/37/EC (with reference to the specifications of the harmonised European standard EN 50144-1:1998 *Safety of hand-held electric motor operated tools — Part 1: General requirements* and EN 50144-2-3:2002 *Safety of hand-held electric motor operated tools — Part 2-3: Particular requirements for grinders, disk type sanders and polishers*, which are referred to in the manufacturer's EC Declaration of Conformity).

1.5.1. Electricity supply

The internal wiring was unfixed, thus posing the risk of electric shock.

1.5.6. Risk of fire

During the thermal test the machinery caught fire, emitted smoke then stopped.

1.7.4. Instructions

The majority of the general safety instructions as well as the specific instructions for angle grinder were missing from the instructions for use.

1.7.3. Marking

The manufacturer and the year of manufacture were not indicated on the angle grinder.

3. The Commission's opinion

On 15 November 2007, the Commission wrote to Jinhua Max-power Tools Co. and Baumann Hungary Kft., who signed the EC Declaration of Conformity, inviting them to communicate their observations regarding the measure taken by the Hungarian authorities.

On 15 November 2007, the Commission also wrote to Intertek ETL SEMKO, Shanghai and Intertek Deutschland GmbH that had issued conformity certificates for the angle grinder type S1M-MP6-125 which was claimed to be equivalent to the angle grinder type MF 125-110 subject to the Hungarian measure.

To date, no response has been received from Baumann Hungary Kft., from Intertek ETL SEMKO or from Intertek Deutschland GmbH.

In a reply dated 19 December 2007, Jinhua Max-power Tools Co. stated that they had never manufactured or supplied an angle grinder under the trademark 'Mans Friend'. They further stated that the Chinese authorities were investigating the file but had not established who had misused their certificates and name.

In light of the documentation available and the comments of the parties concerned, the Commission considers that the Hungarian authorities have demonstrated that the machinery subject to the restrictive measure fails to comply with the essential health and safety requirements referred to above. These

non-conformities give rise to serious risks for persons using the machinery in question.

Consequently, having followed the required procedure, the Commission is of the opinion that the measure taken by the Hungarian authorities is justified.

Done at Brussels, 27 November 2008.

For the Commission

Günter VERHEUGEN

Vice-President

IV

(Notices)

NOTICES FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS AND
BODIES

COMMISSION

Euro exchange rates ⁽¹⁾**28 November 2008**

(2008/C 306/03)

1 euro =

Currency	Exchange rate	Currency	Exchange rate
USD US dollar	1,2727	TRY Turkish lira	2,0097
JPY Japanese yen	121,46	AUD Australian dollar	1,9533
DKK Danish krone	7,4517	CAD Canadian dollar	1,5775
GBP Pound sterling	0,8299	HKD Hong Kong dollar	9,8641
SEK Swedish krona	10,3057	NZD New Zealand dollar	2,3212
CHF Swiss franc	1,5455	SGD Singapore dollar	1,923
ISK Iceland króna	280	KRW South Korean won	1 860,69
NOK Norwegian krone	8,92	ZAR South African rand	12,8495
BGN Bulgarian lev	1,9558	CNY Chinese yuan renminbi	8,6988
CZK Czech koruna	25,209	HRK Croatian kuna	7,1288
EEK Estonian kroon	15,6466	IDR Indonesian rupiah	15 590,58
HUF Hungarian forint	259,56	MYR Malaysian ringgit	4,6116
LTL Lithuanian litas	3,4528	PHP Philippine peso	62,3
LVL Latvian lats	0,7095	RUB Russian rouble	35,4978
PLN Polish zloty	3,7748	THB Thai baht	45,2
RON Romanian leu	3,7925	BRL Brazilian real	2,9707
SKK Slovak koruna	30,322	MXN Mexican peso	16,9295

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

NOTICES FROM MEMBER STATES

VALUE ADDED TAX (VAT)
(EXEMPT INVESTMENT GOLD)

List of gold coins meeting the criteria established in Article 344(1), point (2) of the Council Directive 2006/112/EC (Special scheme for investment gold)

Valid for the year 2009

(2008/C 306/04)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

- (a) This list reflects the contributions sent by Member States to the Commission within the deadline set by Article 345 of the Council Directive 2006/112/EC of 28 November 2006 on the Common System of Value Added Tax.
- (b) The coins included in this list are considered to fulfil the criteria of Article 344 and therefore will be treated as investment gold in those Member States. As a result their supply is exempt from VAT for the whole of the 2009 calendar year.
- (c) The exemption will apply to all issues of the given coin in this list, except to issues of coins with a purity lower than 900 thousandths fine.
- (d) However, if a coin does not appear in this list, its supply will still be exempt where the coin meets the criteria for the exemption laid down in the VAT Directive.
- (e) The list is in alphabetical order, by names of countries and denominations of coins. Within the same category of coins, the listing follows the increasing value of the currency.
- (f) In the list the denomination of the coins reflects the currency shown on the coins. However, where the currency on the coins is not shown in roman script, where possible, its denomination in the list is shown in parenthesis.

COUNTRY OF ISSUE	COINS
AFGHANISTAN	(20 AFGHANI) 10 000 AFGHANI (1/2 AMANI) (1 AMANI) (2 AMANI) (4 GRAMS) (8 GRAMS) 1 TILLA 2 TILLAS
ALBANIA	20 LEKE 50 LEKE 100 LEKE 200 LEKE 500 LEKE
ALDERNEY	5 POUNDS 25 POUNDS 1 000 POUNDS

COUNTRY OF ISSUE	COINS
ANDORRA	50 DINERS 100 DINERS 250 DINERS 1 SOVEREIGN
ANGUILLA	5 DOLLARS 10 DOLLARS 20 DOLLARS 100 DOLLARS
ARGENTINA	1 ARGENTINO
ARUBA	10 FLORIN 25 FLORIN
AUSTRALIA	5 DOLLARS 15 DOLLARS 25 DOLLARS 50 DOLLARS 100 DOLLARS 150 DOLLARS 200 DOLLARS 250 DOLLARS 500 DOLLARS 1 000 DOLLARS 2 500 DOLLARS 3 000 DOLLARS 10 000 DOLLARS 1/2 SOVEREIGN (= 1/2 POUND) 1 SOVEREIGN (= 1 POUND)
AUSTRIA	10 CORONA (= 10 KRONEN) 20 CORONA (= 20 KRONEN) 100 CORONA (= 100 KRONEN) 1 DUCAT (4 DUCATS) 10 EURO 25 EURO 50 EURO 100 EURO 4 FLORIN = 10 FRANCS (= 4 GULDEN) 8 FLORIN = 20 FRANCS (= 8 GULDEN) 25 SCHILLING 100 SCHILLING 200 SCHILLING 500 SCHILLING 1 000 SCHILLING 2 000 SCHILLING
BAHAMAS	10 DOLLARS 20 DOLLARS 25 DOLLARS 50 DOLLARS 100 DOLLARS 150 DOLLARS 200 DOLLARS 250 DOLLARS 2 500 DOLLARS
BELGIUM	10 ECU 25 ECU 50 ECU 100 ECU 50 EURO GOLD 100 EURO 5 000 FRANCS

COUNTRY OF ISSUE	COINS
BELIZE	25 DOLLARS 50 DOLLARS 100 DOLLARS 250 DOLLARS
BERMUDA	10 DOLLARS 25 DOLLARS 30 DOLLARS 50 DOLLARS 60 DOLLARS 100 DOLLARS 200 DOLLARS 250 DOLLARS
BHUTAN	1 SERTUM 2 SERTUMS 5 SERTUMS
BOLIVIA	4 000 PESOS BOLIVIANOS
BOTSWANA	5 PULA 150 PULA 10 THEBE
BRAZIL	300 CRUZEIROS (4 000 REIS) (5 000 REIS) (6 400 REIS) (10 000 REIS) (20 000 REIS)
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	100 DOLLARS
BULGARIA	10 LEVA 20 LEVA 100 LEVA
BURUNDI	10 FRANCS 25 FRANCS 50 FRANCS 100 FRANCS
CANADA	1 DOLLAR 2 DOLLARS 5 DOLLARS 10 DOLLARS 20 DOLLARS 50 DOLLARS 100 DOLLARS 175 DOLLARS 200 DOLLARS 350 DOLLARS 1 SOVEREIGN
CAYMAN ISLANDS	25 DOLLARS 50 DOLLARS 100 DOLLARS 250 DOLLARS
CHAD	3 000 FRANCS 5 000 FRANCS 10 000 FRANCS 20 000 FRANCS
CHILE	2 PESOS 5 PESOS 10 PESOS 20 PESOS 50 PESOS 100 PESOS 200 PESOS

COUNTRY OF ISSUE	COINS
CHINA	5/20 YUAN (1/20 oz) 10/50 YUAN (1/10 oz) 50/200 YUAN (1/2 oz) 100/500 YUAN (1 oz) 5 (YUAN) 10 (YUAN) 20 (YUAN) 25 (YUAN) 50 (YUAN) 100 (YUAN) 150 (YUAN) 200 (YUAN) 250 (YUAN) 300 (YUAN) 400 (YUAN) 450 (YUAN) 500 (YUAN) 1 000 (YUAN)
COLOMBIA	1 PESO 2 PESOS 2 1/2 PESOS 5 PESOS 10 PESOS 20 PESOS 100 PESOS 200 PESOS 300 PESOS 500 PESOS 1 000 PESOS 1 500 PESOS 2 000 PESOS 15 000 PESOS
CONGO	10 FRANCS 20 FRANCS 25 FRANCS 50 FRANCS 100 FRANCS
COOK ISLANDS	100 DOLLARS 200 DOLLARS 250 DOLLARS
COSTA RICA	5 COLONES 10 COLONES 20 COLONES 50 COLONES 100 COLONES 200 COLONES 1 500 COLONES 5 000 COLONES 25 000 COLONES
CUBA	4 PESOS 5 PESOS 10 PESOS 20 PESOS 50 PESOS 100 PESOS
CYPRUS	50 POUNDS
CZECH REPUBLIC	1 000 KORUN (1 000 Kč) 2 000 KORUN (2 000 Kč) 2 500 KORUN (2 500 Kč) 5 000 KORUN (5 000 Kč) 10 000 KORUN (10 000 Kč)

COUNTRY OF ISSUE	COINS
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	1 DUKÁT 2 DUKÁT 5 DUKÁT 10 DUKÁT
DENMARK	20 KRONER
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	30 PESOS 100 PESOS 200 PESOS 250 PESOS
ECUADOR	1 CONDOR 10 SUCRES
EL SALVADOR	25 COLONES 50 COLONES 100 COLONES 200 COLONES 250 COLONES
EQUATORIAL GUINEA	250 PESETAS 500 PESETAS 750 PESETAS 1 000 PESETAS 5 000 PESETAS
ETHIOPIA	400 BIRR 600 BIRR 10 (DOLLARS) 20 (DOLLARS) 50 (DOLLARS) 100 (DOLLARS) 200 (DOLLARS)
FIJI	200 DOLLARS 250 DOLLARS
FINLAND	100 EUROA
FRANCE	1/4 EURO 10 EURO 20 EURO 50 EURO 5 FRANCS 10 FRANCS 40 FRANCS 50 FRANCS 100 FRANCS 500 FRANCS 655,97 FRANCS
GABON	10 FRANCS 25 FRANCS 50 FRANCS 100 FRANCS 1 000 FRANCS 3 000 FRANCS 5 000 FRANCS 10 000 FRANCS 20 000 FRANCS
GAMBIA	200 DALASIS 500 DALASIS 1 000 DALASIS

COUNTRY OF ISSUE	COINS
GIBRALTAR	1/25 CROWN 1/10 CROWN 1/5 CROWN 1/2 CROWN 1 CROWN 2 CROWNS 50 PENCE 1 POUND 5 POUNDS 25 POUNDS 50 POUNDS 100 POUNDS 1/25 ROYAL 1/10 ROYAL 1/5 ROYAL 1/2 ROYAL 1 ROYAL
GUATAMALA	5 QUETZALES 10 QUETZALES 20 QUETZALES
GUERNSEY	1 POUND 5 POUNDS 10 POUNDS 25 POUNDS 50 POUNDS 100 POUNDS
GUINEA	1 000 FRANCS 2 000 FRANCS 5 000 FRANCS 10 000 FRANCS
HAITI	20 GOURDES 50 GOURDES 100 GOURDES 200 GOURDES 500 GOURDES 1 000 GOURDES
HONDURAS	200 LEMPIRAS 500 LEMPIRAS
HONG KONG	1 000 DOLLARS
HUNGARY	1 DUKAT 4 FORINT = 10 FRANCS 8 FORINT = 20 FRANCS 50 FORINT 100 FORINT 200 FORINT 500 FORINT 1 000 FORINT 5 000 FORINT 10 000 FORINT 20 000 FORINT 50 000 FORINT 100 000 FORINT 20 KORONA 100 KORONA
ICELAND	500 KRONUR 10 000 KRONUR
INDIA	1 MOHUR 15 RUPEES 1 SOVEREIGN

COUNTRY OF ISSUE	COINS
INDONESIA	2 000 RUPIAH 5 000 RUPIAH 10 000 RUPIAH 20 000 RUPIAH 25 000 RUPIAH 100 000 RUPIAH 200 000 RUPIAH
IRAN	(1/2 AZADI) (1 AZADI) (1/4 PAHLAVI) (1/2 PAHLAVI) (1 PAHLAVI) (2 1/2 PAHLAVI) (5 PAHLAVI) (10 PAHLAVI) 500 RIALS 750 RIALS 1 000 RIALS 2 000 RIALS 50 POUND
IRAQ	(5 DINARS) (50 DINARS) (100 DINARS)
ISLE OF MAN	1/20 ANGEL 1/10 ANGEL 1/4 ANGEL 1/2 ANGEL 1 ANGEL 5 ANGEL 10 ANGEL 15 ANGEL 20 ANGEL 1/25 CROWN 1/10 CROWN 1/5 CROWN 1/2 CROWN 1 CROWN 50 PENCE 1 POUND 2 POUNDS 5 POUNDS 50 POUNDS (1/2 SOVEREIGN) (1 SOVEREIGN) (2 SOVEREIGNS) (5 SOVEREIGNS)
ISRAEL	20 LIROT 50 LIROT 100 LIROT 200 LIROT 500 LIROT 1 000 LIROT 5 000 LIROT 5 NEW SHEQALIM 10 NEW SHEQALIM 20 NEW SHEQALIM 5 SHEQALIM 10 SHEQALIM 500 SHEQEL
IVORY COAST	10 FRANCS 25 FRANCS 50 FRANCS 100 FRANCS

COUNTRY OF ISSUE	COINS
JAMAICA	100 DOLLARS 250 DOLLARS
JERSEY	1 POUND 2 POUNDS 5 POUNDS 10 POUNDS 20 POUNDS 25 POUNDS 50 POUNDS 100 POUNDS 1 SOVEREIGN
JORDAN	2 DINARS 5 DINARS 10 DINARS 25 DINARS 50 DINARS 60 DINARS
KATANGA	5 FRANCS
KENYA	100 SHILLINGS 250 SHILLINGS 500 SHILLINGS
KIRIBATI	150 DOLLARS
LATVIA	100 LATU
LESOTHO	1 LOTI 2 MALOTI 4 MALOTI 10 MALOTI 20 MALOTI 50 MALOTI 100 MALOTI 250 MALOTI 500 MALOTI
LIBERIA	12 DOLLARS 20 DOLLARS 25 DOLLARS 30 DOLLARS 50 DOLLARS 100 DOLLARS 200 DOLLARS 250 DOLLARS 500 DOLLARS 2 500 DOLLARS
LUXEMBOURG	5 EURO 10 EURO 20 FRANCS 40 FRANCS
MACAU	250 PATACAS 500 PATACAS 1 000 PATACAS 10 000 PATACAS
MALAWI	250 KWACHA
MALAYSIA	100 RINGGIT 200 RINGGIT 250 RINGGIT 500 RINGGIT
MALI	10 FRANCS 25 FRANCS 50 FRANCS 100 FRANCS

COUNTRY OF ISSUE	COINS
MALTA	5 (LIRI) 10 (LIRI) 20 (LIRI) 25 (LIRI) 50 (LIRI) 100 (LIRI) 25 LM 50 EURO
MARSHALL ISLANDS	20 DOLLARS 50 DOLLARS 200 DOLLARS
MAURITIUS	100 RUPEES 200 RUPEES 250 RUPEES 500 RUPEES 1 000 RUPEES
MEXICO	2 PESOS 2 1/2 PESOS 5 PESOS 10 PESOS 20 PESOS 50 PESOS 250 PESOS 500 PESOS 1 000 PESOS 2 000 PESOS 1/20 ONZA 1/10 ONZA 1/4 ONZA 1/2 ONZA 1 ONZA
MONACO	100 FRANCS 200 FRANCS 10 EURO 20 EURO 100 EURO
MONGOLIA	750 (TUGRIK) 1 000 (TUGRIK)
NEPAL	1 ASARPHI 1 000 RUPEES
NETHERLANDS	(1 DUKAAT) (2 DUKAAT) 1 GULDEN 5 GULDEN 10 EURO 20 EURO 50 EURO
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES	5 GULDEN 10 GULDEN 50 GULDEN 100 GULDEN 300 GULDEN
NEW ZEALAND	10 DOLLARS 150 DOLLARS
NICARAGUA	50 CORDOBAS

COUNTRY OF ISSUE	COINS
NIGER	10 FRANCS 25 FRANCS 50 FRANCS 100 FRANCS
NORWAY	1 500 KRONER
OMAN	25 BAISA 50 BAISA 100 BAISA 1/4 OMANI RIAL 1/2 OMANI RIAL OMANI RIAL 5 OMANI RIALS 10 OMANI RIALS 15 OMANI RIALS 20 OMANI RIALS 25 OMANI RIALS 75 OMANI RIALS
PAKISTAN	3 000 RUPEES
PANAMA	100 BALBOAS 500 BALBOAS
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	100 KINA
PERU	1/5 LIBRA 1/2 LIBRA 1 LIBRA 5 SOLES 10 SOLES 20 SOLES 50 SOLES 100 SOLES
PHILIPPINES	1 000 PISO 1 500 PISO 5 000 PISO
POLAND	50 ZLOTY (Golden Eagle) 100 ZLOTY (Golden Eagle) 100 ZLOTY 200 ZLOTY (Golden Eagle) 200 ZLOTY 500 ZLOTY (Golden Eagle)
PORTUGAL	1 ESCUDO 100 ESCUDOS 200 ESCUDOS 500 ESCUDOS 10 000 REIS 5 EURO 8 EURO
RHODESIA	10 SHILLINGS 1 POUND 5 POUNDS
RUSSIA	25 ROUBLES 50 ROUBLES 100 ROUBLES 200 ROUBLES 1 000 ROUBLES 10 000 ROUBLES
RWANDA	10 FRANCS 25 FRANCS 50 FRANCS 100 FRANCS

COUNTRY OF ISSUE	COINS
SAN MARINO	1 SCUDO 2 SCUDI 5 SCUDI 10 SCUDI 20 EURO 50 EURO
SAUDI ARABIA	1 GUINEA (= 1 SAUDI POUND)
SENEGAL	10 FRANCS 25 FRANCS 50 FRANCS 100 FRANCS 250 FRANCS 500 FRANCS 1 000 FRANCS 2 500 FRANCS
SERBIA	10 DINARA 20 DINARA
SEYCHELLES	1 000 RUPEES 1 500 RUPEES
SIERRA LEONE	1/4 GOLDE 1/2 GOLDE 1 GOLDE 5 GOLDE 10 GOLDE 1 LEONE 20 DOLLARS 50 DOLLARS 100 DOLLARS 250 DOLLARS 500 DOLLARS 2 500 DOLLARS
SINGAPORE	1 DOLLAR 2 DOLLARS 5 DOLLARS 10 DOLLARS 20 DOLLARS 25 DOLLARS 50 DOLLARS 100 DOLLARS 150 DOLLARS 250 DOLLARS 500 DOLLARS
SLOVENIA	2 500 TOLARS 5 000 TOLARS 20 000 TOLARS 25 000 TOLARS 100 EURO 180 EURO
SOLOMON ISLANDS	10 DOLLARS 25 DOLLARS 50 DOLLARS 100 DOLLARS
SOMALIA	20 SHILLINGS 50 SHILLINGS 100 SHILLINGS 200 SHILLINGS 500 SHILLINGS 1 500 SHILLINGS

COUNTRY OF ISSUE	COINS
SOUTH AFRICA	1/10 KRUGERRAND 1/4 KRUGERRAND 1/2 KRUGERRAND 1 KRUGERRAND 1/10 oz NATURA 1/4 oz NATURA 1/2 oz NATURA 1 oz NATURA 1/10 PROTEA 1 PROTEA 1/2 POND 1 POND 1 RAND 2 RAND 5 RAND 25 RAND 1/2 SOVEREIGN (= 1/2 POUND) 1 SOVEREIGN (= 1 POUND)
SOUTH KOREA	2 500 WON 20 000 WON 25 000 WON 30 000 WON 50 000 WON
SPAIN	2 (ESCUDOS) 10 (ESCUDOS) 10 PESETAS 20 PESETAS 5 000 PESETAS 10 000 PESETAS 20 000 PESETAS 40 000 PESETAS 80 000 PESETAS 200 EURO 400 EURO
SUDAN	25 POUNDS 50 POUNDS 100 POUNDS
SURINAM	100 GULDEN
SWAZILAND	2 EMALANGENI 5 EMALANGENI 10 EMALANGENI 20 EMALANGENI 25 EMALANGENI 50 EMALANGENI 100 EMALANGENI 250 EMALANGENI 1 LILANGENI
SWEDEN	20 KRONOR 1 000 KRONOR 2 000 KRONOR
SWITZERLAND	50 FRANCS 100 FRANCS
SYRIA	(1/2 POUND) (1 POUND)
TANZANIA	1 500 SHILINGI 2 000 SHILINGI

COUNTRY OF ISSUE	COINS
THAILAND	(150 BAHT) (300 BAHT) (400 BAHT) (600 BAHT) (800 BAHT) (1 500 BAHT) (2 500 BAHT) (3 000 BAHT) (4 000 BAHT) (5 000 BAHT) (6 000 BAHT)
TONGA	1/2 HAU 1 HAU 5 HAU 1/4 KOULA 1/2 KOULA 1 KOULA
TUNISIA	2 DINARS 5 DINARS 10 DINARS 20 DINARS 40 DINARS 75 DINARS 10 FRANCS 20 FRANCS 100 FRANCS 5 PIASTRES
TURKEY	(25 KURUSH) (= 25 PIASTRES) (50 KURUSH) (= 50 PIASTRES) (250 KURUSH) (= 250 PIASTRES) (500 KURUSH) (= 500 PIASTRES) 1/2 LIRA 1 LIRA 500 LIRA 1 000 LIRA 10 000 LIRA 50 000 LIRA 100 000 LIRA 200 000 LIRA 1 000 000 LIRA 60 000 000 LIRA
TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS	100 CROWNS
TUVALU	50 DOLLARS
UGANDA	50 SHILLINGS 100 SHILLINGS 500 SHILLINGS 1 000 SHILLINGS
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	(500 DIRHAMS) (750 DIRHAMS) (1 000 DIRHAMS)
UNITED KINGDOM	(1/3 GUINEA) (1/2 GUINEA) 50 PENCE 2 POUNDS 5 POUNDS 10 POUNDS 25 POUNDS 50 POUNDS 100 POUNDS (1/2 SOVEREIGN) (= 1/2 POUND) (2 SOVEREIGNS) (5 SOVEREIGNS)

COUNTRY OF ISSUE	COINS
URUGUAY	5 000 NUEVO PESOS 20 000 NUEVO PESOS 5 PESOS
USA	10 DOLLARS (AMERICAN EAGLE) 1 DOLLAR 2,5 DOLLARS 5 DOLLARS 20 DOLLARS 25 DOLLARS 50 DOLLARS
VATICAN	10 LIRE GOLD 20 LIRE 100 LIRE GOLD 20 EURO 50 EURO
VENEZUELA	(10 BOLIVARES) (20 BOLIVARES) (100 BOLIVARES) 1 000 BOLIVARES 3 000 BOLIVARES 5 000 BOLIVARES 10 000 BOLIVARES 5 VENEZOLANOS
WESTERN SAMOA	50 TALA 100 TALA
YUGOSLAVIA	1 DUCAT 4 DUCATS 20 DINARA 100 DINARA 200 DINARA 500 DINARA 1 000 DINARA 1 500 DINARA 2 000 DINARA 2 500 DINARA 5 000 DINARA
ZAIRE	100 ZAIRES
ZAMBIA	250 KWACHA

Information communicated by Member States regarding State aid granted under Commission Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 on the application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty to State aid to small and medium-sized enterprises active in the production of agricultural products and amending Regulation (EC) No 70/2001

(2008/C 306/05)

Aid No: XA 298/08

Member State: France

Regions: Département de l'Isère

Title of aid scheme:

Aide au remplacement des nouveaux exploitants agricoles

Legal basis:

- Article 15(2)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006,
- Articles L 1511-1 et suivants et articles L 3231-1 et suivants du code général des collectivités territoriales

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme: EUR 40 000

Maximum aid intensity: 50 % of the daily cost of replacing a farmer, subject to a limit of EUR 134 per day and 14 days per year

Date of implementation: From the date of publication of the registration number of the request for exemption on the website of the Commission's Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development

Duration of aid scheme or individual aid: Until 31 December 2013

Objective of aid: Replacement is a solution that allows farmers whose activity requires on-farm presence every day of the year to have a work and life pattern comparable to other economic sectors.

Nevertheless, except for cases where this option is funded (by private insurance covering maternity, accidents or illness), the cost of this service is a disincentive.

This scheme will therefore aim to encourage recently established farmers to take advantage of the replacement service should they be absent from their farm on account of illness or holidays, in accordance with Article 15(2)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006.

A reduction in the cost of providing a replacement should encourage them to take advantage of this technical assistance.

The aid will not be paid to the farmers, but to the providers of the replacement service

Sector(s) concerned: All sectors of agricultural production

The scheme will cover the whole department and all new farmers whose principal activity requires on-farm presence every

day of the year, throughout the first three years after they take up farming

Name and address of the granting authority:

Monsieur le Président du Conseil général de l'Isère
Direction de l'aménagement des territoires
Service agriculture et forêt
7, rue Fantin Latour — BP 1096
F-38022 Grenoble Cedex 1

Website:

http://www.cg38.fr/uploads/Document/01/WEB_CHEMIN_35598_1217342776.pdf

Aid No: XA 299/08

Member State: France

Region: Département de l'Isère

Title of aid scheme:

Aides au pastoralisme en Isère, volet investissements

Legal basis:

- Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006,
- Articles L 1511-1 et suivants et articles L 3231-1 et suivants du code général des collectivités territoriales

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme: EUR 130 000

Maximum aid intensity:

- 50 % of investment or capital works to promote pastoralism in mountain areas,
- 10 % premium for young farmers,
- ceiling: EUR 20 000 per beneficiary

Date of implementation: From the date of publication of the registration number for the request for exemption on the website of the Commission's Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development

Duration of scheme: Ends 31 December 2013

Objective of aid: To promote natural pastoral heritage, funding is targeted to cover in particular the construction of pens to contain animals, automatic gates and cattle grids, and to install fences, drinking troughs and sorting pens (equipment specially designed for mountains).

This complement to extensive pastoral activity will promote biodiversity and the multi-purpose use of natural areas

Sector(s) concerned: Pasture groups, mountain grazing syndicates, mountain pasture land associations (pasture areas of the Northern Alps region in Isère)

Name and address of the granting authority:

Monsieur le Président du Conseil général de l'Isère
Direction de l'aménagement des territoires
Service agriculture et forêt
7, rue Fantin Latour — BP 1096
F-38022 Grenoble Cedex 1

Website:

http://www.cg38.fr/uploads/Document/59/WEB_CHEMIN_3559_1_1217340871.pdf

Aid No: XA 300/08

Member State: France

Region: Département de l'Isère

Title of aid scheme:

Aides au pastoralisme en Isère, volet aménagement des espaces pastoraux

Legal basis:

- Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006,
- Articles L 1511-1 et suivants et articles L 3231-1 et suivants du code général des collectivités territoriales

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme:
EUR 110 000

Maximum aid intensity:

- 75 % of investment and work to conserve heritage features associated with pastoralism in mountainous areas,
- State aid with a ceiling of EUR 20 000 per beneficiary

Date of implementation: From the date of publication of the registration number for the request for exemption on the website of the Commission's Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development

Duration of scheme: Ends 31 December 2013

Objective of aid: The objective is to promote the department's natural heritage and mountainous landscapes through aid to improve and restore pasture areas (mountain pastures and rangelands) and conserve the fodder production potential of traditional facilities associated with animal husbandry.

The construction of huts, chalets and traditional shelters are eligible for funding.

This complement to extensive pastoral activity will promote biodiversity and the multi-purpose use of natural areas without increasing the farm's production capacity

Sector(s) concerned: Pasture groups, mountain grazing syndicates, mountain pasture land associations (pasture areas of the Northern Alps region in Isère)

Name and address of the granting authority:

Monsieur le Président du Conseil général de l'Isère
Direction de l'aménagement des territoires
Service agriculture et forêt
7, rue Fantin Latour — BP 1096
F-38022 Grenoble Cedex 1

Website:

http://www.cg38.fr/uploads/Document/72/WEB_CHEMIN_3559_5_1217341519.pdf

Aid No: XA 301/08

Member State: Italy

Region: Lombardy

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid:

Misure regionali di Sostegno delle Aziende frutticole e vivaistiche colpite da 'Vaiolatura delle drupacee' causata dall'agente patogeno 'Plum pox virus' (Sharka), o da 'Colpo di fuoco batterico', causato dall'agente patogeno 'Erwinia Amylovora'

Legal basis:

- Deliberazione Giunta regionale n. 6840 del 19 marzo 2008, «Misure regionali di Sostegno delle Aziende frutticole e vivaistiche colpite da "Vaiolatura delle drupacee" causata dall'agente patogeno "Plum pox virus" (Sharka), o da "Colpo di fuoco batterico", causato dall'agente patogeno "Erwinia Amylovora"» (articolo 17, c. 1, lettera B), L.R. n. 7/2000),
- Legge regionale n. 7 del 7 febbraio 2000, «Norme per interventi regionali in agricoltura», Articolo 17 «Interventi sugli abbandoni produttivi ed abbattimenti»,

- Council Directive 2000/29/EC of 8 May 2000 on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community (Article 16(1)),
- Legge n. 206 del 1 luglio 1997 «Norme in favore delle produzioni agricole danneggiate da organismi nocivi»,
- Legge n. 307 del 17 agosto 1999 «Disposizioni in materia d'interventi del fondo di solidarietà nazionale in favore delle aziende agricole danneggiate da fitopatie di eccezionale gravità»,
- Decreto del Ministero delle Politiche Agricole e Forestali del 29 novembre 1996 «Lotta obbligatoria contro il virus della "Vaiolatura delle dupacee" (Sharka)»,
- Decreto n. 356 del Ministero delle Politiche Agricole e Forestali del 10 settembre 1999, «Regolamento recante misure per la lotta obbligatoria contro il colpo di fuoco batterico (Erwinia Amylovora), nel territorio della Repubblica»
- have implemented the mandatory control measures provided for by the Order issued by the competent Regional structure and the clearance or destruction of apricot, sour cherry, sweet cherry, quince, apple, pear and plum trees and their grafting stocks,
- have not already received subsidies for the same purposes and lots, including from other public authorities, under other subsidised insurance schemes,
- and undertake to replant the lots of land to be cleared, within 12 months, with fruit trees (in numbers or over a surface area equal to that of the plants cleared; and respecting the plant health provisions) of one or more of the following species (even if different from those cleared): actinidia (*actinidia* spp.), apricot (*prunus armeniaca*), sour cherry (*prunus cerasus*), sweet cherry (*prunus avium*), quince (*cydonia oblonga*), persimmon (*diospyros kaki*), apple (*malus domestica*), pear (*pyrus communis*), peach (*prunus persica*), plum (*prunus domestica* and *prunus salicina*); if, due to plant health provisions, it is not possible to replant the area with species susceptible to the disease found and, for reasons linked to the production specialisation of the holding, it is not possible to use one of the alternative species listed above, the subsidy is reduced to 80 %.

Annual expenditure under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: EUR 2,5 million

Maximum aid intensity: Up to 100 %

Date of implementation: From the date of publication of the registration number of the exemption on the website of the Commission's Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: Up to 31 December 2013

Objective of aid: In accordance with Article 10 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006, the aid is intended to compensate for the damage caused by Plum pox (Sharka) and Fireblight (Erwinia) to fruit growers and nurseries where the presence of infected plants has been officially confirmed. In Decision SG (2001) D/289300 of 20 June 2001, the European Commission expressed the opinion that the aid could be used for the clearance and replanting of stone fruit trees and rose trees affected by these diseases.

The Region of Lombardy has adopted mandatory control measures provided for by Community and national legislation, in order to combat the spread of Sharka and Erwinia, in implementation of the provisions of the Ministry of Agricultural and Forestry Policies (Decree of 29 November 1996 and Decree No 356 of 10 September 1999). In spite of this, outbreaks of these diseases have continued, making it necessary to launch the present programme of regional measures.

The agricultural enterprises which are eligible for aid for production improvement are those which:

The amount of the subsidy is calculated on the basis of the criteria set out in Law No 206 of 1 July 1997 and Law No 307 of 17 August 1999, which differentiate between nurseries and fruit growers and, in the case of the latter, take account of the age of the plantation. In calculating the amount of aid, any amounts received under insurance schemes and those incurred for reasons other than plant health reasons will be deducted

Sector(s) concerned: Agricultural holdings: fruit growers and nurseries

Name and address of the authority granting the aid:

Region of Lombardy
Direzione Generale Agricoltura
Via Pola, 12/14
I-20124 Milano

Website:

www.agricoltura.regione.lombardia.it,

click on 'Per saperne di più', then on 'Aiuti di Stato'

Other information: —

Enrica GENNARI
Il Dirigente della Struttura
Raccordo con le Politiche Nazionali e Comunitari

Aid No: XA 303/08

Member State: Italy

Region: Marche

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid:

Servizi di assistenza tecnica specialistica finalizzati alla riconversione delle aree bieticole

Legal basis:

- Legge regionale n. 37 del 23 dicembre 1999 «Disciplina dei servizi per lo sviluppo del sistema agroalimentare regionale»;
- Proposta di atto amministrativo n. 93/2008 «Regolamento (CE) n. 320/2006 — Programma nazionale di ristrutturazione del settore bieticole — saccarifero — Piano di azione regionale.»

Annual expenditure under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: The annual expenditure planned for services under this aid scheme will not exceed EUR 1 000 000, and the overall amount will not exceed EUR 4 000 000

Maximum aid intensity: The aid to the final beneficiaries, the producers, will be supplied solely in the form of services provided by the persons referred to in Article 3(2) of Regional Law No 37 of 23 December 1999 and may cover up to 80 % of eligible costs, with a maximum contribution of EUR 50 000 per project

Date of implementation: The aid scheme will be launched in full compliance with the time requirements and procedures stipulated in Article 18 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: Up to 31.12.2013

Objective of aid: The main aim of the aid is to support small and medium-sized enterprises active in sugar-beet areas, by facilitating their conversion to other agricultural products referred to in Annex 1 of the Treaty.

The technical assistance services provided are not continuous or regular and are not linked to the normal operating costs of the undertaking.

Reference is made to Articles 15 and 18 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006

Sector(s) concerned: Agriculture

Name and address of the authority granting the aid:

Regionale di Marche
Servizio Agricoltura Forestazione e Pesca
PF Competitività e Sviluppo dell'Impresa Agricola
Via Tiziano, 44
I-60125 Ancona

Website:

www.agri.marche.it/Aree%20tematiche/aiuti%20di%20stato/riconversione%20aree%20bieticole.pdf, click on 'Per saperne di più', then on 'Aiuti di Stato'

Other information: 'Final beneficiaries', or recipients, of the development services under the above scheme are small and medium-sized agricultural enterprises active in sugar-beet areas.

The provisions of Article 15(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 will be respected

Vincenzo CIMINO

Il Dirigente della PF Competitività e Sviluppo dell'Impresa Agricola

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(Announcements)

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

EUROPEAN COURT OF AUDITORS

Amendment to the vacancy notice for the post of Secretary General of the European Court of Auditors*(Reference: Official Journal of the European Union C 267 A of 22 October 2008, p. 1, and Official Journal of the European Union C 267 of 22 October 2008, p. 29)**(2008/C 306/06)*

For technical reasons, the Court's Internet website and the e-mail address: Vacancy-Notice-SG@eca.europa.eu were not accessible between 6 p.m. and midnight on Friday, 14 November 2008, which was the deadline for applications for the above position.

If you tried to send an application between the times given above, you are invited to re-send your application to the e-mail address, together with evidence of your attempt to introduce the application on 14 November between the times stated.

The deadline for re-sending your application is 6 p.m. on Friday, 5 December 2008.

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPETITION POLICY

COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.5422 — StatoilHydro/St1/St1 Avifuels)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2008/C 306/07)

1. On 19 November 2008, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which StatoilHydro ASA ('StatoilHydro', Norway) and St1 Oy ('St1', Finland) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation joint control of St1 Avifuels Oy ('St1 Avifuels', Finland) by way of purchase of shares in a company constituting a joint venture.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for StatoilHydro: different businesses in gas and oil sectors,
- for St1: retail supply of motor fuels,
- for St1 Avifuels: sale of jet fuel.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. 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 ((32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.5422 — StatoilHydro/St1/St1 Avifuels, to the following address:

European Commission
Directorate-General for Competition
Merger Registry
J-70
B-1049 Brussels

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case COMP/M.5390 — MPS Group/Argos Soditic/Bellco)****Candidate case for simplified procedure****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2008/C 306/08)

1. On 20 November 2008, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which MPS Venture S.p.A. ('MPS', Italy), belonging to the Monte Paschi banking Group ('MPS Group', Italy) and Argos Soditic France SAS ('Argos Soditic', France) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation joint control over Bellco S.r.l. ('Bellco', Italy), which is controlled by Sorin Group Italia S.r.l. ('Sorin', Italy), by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for MPS: investment company,
- for Argos Soditic: private equity firm,
- for Bellco: renal care products.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. 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 ⁽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 ((32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.5390 — MPS Group/Argos Soditic/Bellco, to the following address:

European Commission
Directorate-General for Competition
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J-70
B-1049 Brussels

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32.

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.5388 — Diester Industrie/Oleon Group)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2008/C 306/09)

1. On 24 November 2008, 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 Diester Industrie SAS ('Diester Industrie', France) controlled by Sofiprotéol (France) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Oleon Holding NV ('Oleon', Belgium) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Sofiprotéol and Diester Industrie: production and sale of biodiesel, oleochemicals, glycerin and vegetable oils,

— for Oleon: production and sale of biodiesel, oleochemicals and glycerin.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. 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 ((32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.5388 — Diester Industrie/Oleon Group, to the following address:

European Commission
Directorate-General for Competition
Merger Registry
J-70
B-1049 Brussels

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

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