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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Initiation of proceedings**(Case COMP/M.6266 — J&J/Synthes)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2011/C 335/01)

On 3 November 2011, the Commission decided to initiate proceedings in the abovementioned case after finding that the notified concentration raises serious doubts as to its compatibility with the common market. The initiation of proceedings opens a second phase investigation with regard to the notified concentration, and is without prejudice to the final decision on the case. The decision is based on Article 6(1)(c) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.

The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their observations on the proposed concentration to the Commission.

In order to be fully taken into account in the procedure, observations should reach the Commission not later than 15 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (+32 22964301 / 22967244) or by post, under reference COMP/M.6266 — J&J/Synthes, to the following address:

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

Non-opposition to a notified concentration**(Case COMP/M.6212 — LVMH/Bulgari)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2011/C 335/02)

On 29 June 2011, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. The full text of the decision is available only in English and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

- in the merger section of the Competition website of the Commission (<http://ec.europa.eu/competition/mergers/cases/>). This website provides various facilities to help locate individual merger decisions, including company, case number, date and sectoral indexes,
- in electronic form on the EUR-Lex website (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/index.htm>) under document number 32011M6212. EUR-Lex is the on-line access to the European law.

Initiation of proceedings**(Case COMP/M.6286 — Südzucker/ED & F Man)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2011/C 335/03)

On 9 November 2011, the Commission decided to initiate proceedings in the abovementioned case after finding that the notified concentration raises serious doubts as to its compatibility with the common market. The initiation of proceedings opens a second phase investigation with regard to the notified concentration, and is without prejudice to the final decision on the case. The decision is based on Article 6(1)(c) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.

The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their observations on the proposed concentration to the Commission.

In order to be fully taken into account in the procedure, observations should reach the Commission not later than 15 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (+32 22964301 / 22967244) or by post, under reference COMP/M.6286 — Südzucker/ED & F Man, to the following address:

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1049 Bruxelles/Brussel
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Non-opposition to a notified concentration
(Case COMP/M.6263 — Aelia/Aéroports de Paris/JV)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2011/C 335/04)

On 20 October 2011, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. The full text of the decision is available only in French and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

- in the merger section of the Competition website of the Commission (<http://ec.europa.eu/competition/mergers/cases/>). This website provides various facilities to help locate individual merger decisions, including company, case number, date and sectoral indexes,
 - in electronic form on the EUR-Lex website (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/index.htm>) under document number 32011M6263. EUR-Lex is the on-line access to the European law.
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III

(Preparatory acts)

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Legislative proposals adopted by the Commission

(2011/C 335/05)

Document	Part	Date	Title
<u>COM(2011) 416</u>		13.7.2011	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products
<u>COM(2011) 425</u>		13.7.2011	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the common fisheries policy
<u>COM(2011) 445</u>		25.7.2011	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council creating a European account preservation order to facilitate cross-border debt recovery in civil and commercial matters
<u>COM(2011) 447</u>		20.7.2011	Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund in accordance with point 28 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management (application EGF/2011/003 DE/Arnsberg and Düsseldorf automotive from Germany)
<u>COM(2011) 453</u>		20.7.2011	Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the access to the activity of credit institutions and the prudential supervision of credit institutions and investment firms and amending Directive 2002/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the supplementary supervision of credit institutions, insurance undertakings and investment firms in a financial conglomerate
<u>COM(2011) 456</u>		26.7.2011	Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on recreational craft and personal watercraft
<u>COM(2011) 461</u>		27.7.2011	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1931/2006 as regards the inclusion of the Kaliningrad area and certain Polish administrative districts in the eligible border area
<u>COM(2011) 467</u>		29.7.2011	Proposal for a Council Regulation terminating the expiry and partial interim review of the anti-dumping measures concerning imports of certain castings originating in the People's Republic of China

Document	Part	Date	Title
<u>COM(2011) 468</u>		29.7.2011	Proposal for a Council Regulation laying down the weightings applicable from 1 July 2010 to the remuneration of officials, temporary staff and contract staff of the European Union serving in third countries
<u>COM(2011) 469</u>		26.7.2011	Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the conclusion of the Agreement amending for the second time the Partnership Agreement between the members of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, signed in Cotonou on 23 June 2000, as first amended in Luxembourg on 25 June 2005
<u>COM(2011) 470</u>		12.8.2011	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a multiannual plan for the Baltic salmon stock and the fisheries exploiting that stock
<u>COM(2011) 477</u>		5.8.2011	Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Council Regulation (EC) No 193/2007, imposing a definitive countervailing duty on imports of certain polyethylene terephthalate, originating in India and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 192/2007 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain polyethylene terephthalate, originating in, inter alia, India
<u>COM(2011) 479</u>		9.8.2011	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1967/2006 concerning management measures for the sustainable exploitation of fishery resources in the Mediterranean Sea
<u>COM(2011) 481</u>		1.8.2011	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 as regards certain provisions relating to financial management for certain Members States experiencing or threatened with serious difficulties with respect to their financial stability
<u>COM(2011) 482</u>		1.8.2011	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 as regards certain provisions relating to financial management for certain Members States experiencing or threatened with serious difficulties with respect to their financial stability
<u>COM(2011) 483</u>		1.8.2011	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 as regards repayable assistance and financial engineering
<u>COM(2011) 484</u>		1.8.2011	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1198/2006 on the European Fisheries Fund, as regards certain provisions relating to financial management for certain Members States experiencing or threatened with serious difficulties with respect to their financial stability
<u>COM(2011) 486</u>		9.8.2011	Proposal for a Council Regulation terminating the partial interim review concerning the anti-dumping measures on imports of certain polyethylene terephthalate (PET) originating in India

Document	Part	Date	Title
<u>COM(2011) 487</u>		10.8.2011	Proposal for a Council Decision on establishing the European Union position within the Ministerial Council of the Energy Community (Chişinău, 6 October 2011)
<u>COM(2011) 488</u>		11.8.2011	Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 1105/2010 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of high tenacity yarn of polyesters originating in the People's Republic of China and terminating the proceeding concerning imports of high tenacity yarn of polyesters originating in the Republic of Korea and Taiwan
<u>COM(2011) 489</u>		11.8.2011	Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Year of Citizens (2013)
<u>COM(2011) 491</u>		17.8.2011	Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund in accordance with point 28 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management (application EGF/2010/026 PT/Rohde from Portugal)
<u>COM(2011) 493</u>		12.8.2011	Proposal for a Council Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of ceramic tiles originating in the People's Republic of China
<u>COM(2011) 495</u>		25.8.2011	Proposal for a Council Decision establishing the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union at the next five meetings of the International Whaling Commission including the related inter-sessional meetings with regard to proposals for amendments to the International Convention on the Regulation of Whaling and its Schedule
<u>COM(2011) 496</u>		17.8.2011	Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Council Regulations (EU) No 57/2011 and (EC) No 754/2009 as regards the protection of the species 'porbeagle', certain TACs and certain fishing effort limits set for the United Kingdom, Germany and Ireland
<u>COM(2011) 517</u>		24.8.2011	Proposal for a Council Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision 2011/77/EU on granting Union financial assistance to Ireland
<u>COM(2011) 522</u>		29.8.2011	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on administrative cooperation through the Internal Market Information System (the IMI Regulation)
<u>COM(2011) 523</u>		23.8.2011	Proposal for a Council Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision 2011/344/EU on granting Union financial assistance to Portugal

These texts are available on EUR-Lex: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu>

Legislative proposals adopted by the Commission

(2011/C 335/06)

Document	Part	Date	Title
<u>COM(2011) 516</u>		30.8.2011	Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 of 13 July 2009 establishing a Community Code on Visas (Visa Code)
<u>COM(2011) 518</u>		30.8.2011	Proposal for a Council regulation establishing a Community system for registration of carriers of radioactive materials
<u>COM(2011) 524</u>		30.8.2011	Proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 64/432/EEC as regards computer databases which are part of the surveillance networks in the Member States
<u>COM(2011) 525</u>		30.8.2011	Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000 as regards electronic identification of bovine animals and deleting the provisions on voluntary beef labelling
<u>COM(2011) 526</u>		31.8.2011	Proposal for a Council decision amending and extending the period of application of Decision 2007/641/EC concluding consultations with the Republic of Fiji Islands under Article 96 of the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement and Article 37 of the Development Cooperation Instrument
<u>COM(2011) 530</u>		31.8.2011	Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of aromatised wine products
<u>COM(2011) 532</u>		6.9.2011	Proposal for a Council decision authorising the United Kingdom to apply reduced levels of taxation to motor fuels consumed on the islands of the Inner and Outer Hebrides, the Northern Isles, the islands in the Clyde and the Isles of Scilly, in accordance with Article 19 of Directive 2003/96/EC
<u>COM(2011) 540</u>		7.9.2011	Proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council setting up an information exchange mechanism with regard to intergovernmental agreements between Member States and third countries in the field of energy
<u>COM(2011) 542</u>		31.8.2011	Joint proposal for a Council regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 442/2011 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria
<u>COM(2011) 543</u>		31.8.2011	Proposal for a Council decision partially suspending the application of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Syrian Arab Republic
<u>COM(2011) 544</u>		7.9.2011	Proposal for a Council implementing regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of bicycles originating in the People's Republic of China following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1225/2009

Document	Part	Date	Title
<u>COM(2011) 545</u>		13.9.2011	Proposal for a Council decision modifying the decision of the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Union, meeting within the Council, on the signing and provisional application of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and its Member States, the one part, and the Russian Federation, the other part, on 'Agreed principles of the modernisation of the existing system of utilisation of the trans-Siberian routes'd and on the setting up of an equalisation mechanism by the Member States
<u>COM(2011) 554</u>		13.9.2011	Proposal for a Council regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of hand pallet trucks and their essential parts originating in the People's Republic of China as extended to imports of hand pallet trucks and their essential parts consigned from Thailand, whether declared as originating in Thailand or not, following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1225/2009
<u>COM(2011) 555</u>		14.9.2011	Proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2008/106/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the minimum level of training of seafarers
<u>COM(2011) 560</u>		16.9.2011	Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 in order to provide for common rules on the temporary reintroduction of border control at internal borders in exceptional circumstances
<u>COM(2011) 562</u>		15.9.2011	Proposal for a Council regulation fixing for 2012 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Baltic Sea
<u>COM(2011) 565</u>		16.9.2011	Joint proposal for a Council regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 194/2008 renewing and strengthening the restrictive measures in respect of Burma/Myanmar
<u>COM(2011) 566</u>		23.9.2011	Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the accelerated phasing-in of double-hull or equivalent design requirements for single-hull oil tankers
<u>COM(2011) 569</u>		22.9.2011	Proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of the Trade Agreement between the European Union and Colombia and Peru
<u>COM(2011) 570</u>		22.9.2011	Proposal for a Council decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Trade Agreement between the European Union and Colombia and Peru
<u>COM(2011) 574</u>		14.9.2011	Proposal for a Council implementing decision amending Implementing Decision 2011/344/EU on granting Union financial assistance to Portugal
<u>COM(2011) 575</u>		14.9.2011	Proposal for a Council implementing decision amending Implementing Decision 2011/77/EU on granting Union financial assistance to Ireland
<u>COM(2011) 577</u>		22.9.2011	Proposal for a Council decision amending Decision 2007/659/EC as regards its period of application and the annual quota benefiting from a reduced rate of excise duty

Document	Part	Date	Title
<u>COM(2011) 579</u>		22.9.2011	Proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund in accordance with point 28 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management (application EGF/2011/001 AT/Niederösterreich-Oberösterreich from Austria)
<u>COM(2011) 580</u>		22.9.2011	Proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund in accordance with point 28 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management (application EGF/2011/004 EL/ALDI Hellas from Greece)
<u>COM(2011) 583</u>		20.9.2011	Joint proposal for a Council regulation amending Council Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in respect of Belarus
<u>COM(2011) 586</u>		26.9.2011	Proposal for a Council regulation fixing for 2012 the fishing opportunities available to Union vessels for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks which are not subject to international negotiations or agreements
<u>COM(2011) 590</u>		20.9.2011	Joint proposal for a Council regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 442/2011 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria
<u>COM(2011) 591</u>		29.9.2011	Proposal for a Council decision establishing the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union with regard to proposals for amending Appendices I and II to the Convention on the conservation of migratory species of wild animals at the 10th meeting of the Conference of the Parties
<u>COM(2011) 592</u>		28.9.2011	Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be taken by the European Union within the Trade Committee set up by the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part, as regards the adoption of the rules of procedures of the Trade Committee and the establishment of a list of 15 individuals to serve as arbitrators
<u>COM(2011) 593</u>		29.9.2011	Proposal for a Council directive laying down basic safety standards for protection against the dangers arising from exposure to ionising radiation
<u>COM(2011) 594</u>		28.9.2011	Proposal for a Council directive on a common system of financial transaction tax and amending Directive 2008/7/EC
<u>COM(2011) 598</u>		30.9.2011	Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Annex I to Council Regulation (EC) No 1528/2007 as regards the exclusion of a number of countries from the list of regions or states which have concluded negotiations
<u>COM(2011) 599</u>		3.10.2011	Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council implementing the bilateral safeguard clause and the stabilisation mechanism for bananas of the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and Central America, on the other

Document	Part	Date	Title
<u>COM(2011) 600</u>		3.10.2011	Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council implementing the bilateral safeguard clause and the stabilisation mechanism for bananas of the Trade Agreement between the European Union and Colombia and Peru
<u>COM(2011) 601</u>		26.9.2011	Joint proposal for a Council regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 204/2011 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya
<u>COM(2011) 602</u>		4.10.2011	Proposal for a Council regulation on the allocation of the fishing opportunities under the Protocol agreed between the European Union and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau setting out fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the two parties currently in force
<u>COM(2011) 603</u>		5.10.2011	Proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of the Protocol agreed between the European Union and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau setting out fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the two parties currently in force
<u>COM(2011) 604</u>		4.10.2011	Proposal for a Council decision on the signature, on behalf of the European Union, and the provisional application of the Protocol agreed between the European Union and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau setting out fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the two parties currently in force
<u>COM(2011) 607</u>		6.10.2011	Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Social Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1081/2006
<u>COM(2011) 608</u>		6.10.2011	Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (2014-2020)
<u>COM(2011) 609</u>		6.10.2011	Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a European Union programme for social change and innovation
<u>COM(2011) 610</u>		6.10.2011	Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1082/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2006 on a European grouping of territorial cooperation (EGTC) as regards the clarification, simplification and improvement of the establishment and implementation of such groupings
<u>COM(2011) 611</u>		6.10.2011	Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on specific provisions for the support from the European Regional Development Fund to the European territorial cooperation goal
<u>COM(2011) 612</u>		6.10.2011	Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Cohesion Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1084/2006
<u>COM(2011) 617</u>		5.10.2011	Proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund in accordance with point 28 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management (application EGF/2010/019 IE/Construction 41 from Ireland)

Document	Part	Date	Title
<u>COM(2011) 618</u>		5.10.2011	Proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund in accordance with point 28 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management (application EGF/2010/020 IE/Construction 43 from Ireland)
<u>COM(2011) 619</u>		5.10.2011	Proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund in accordance with point 28 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management (application EGF/2010/021 IE/Construction 71 from Ireland)
<u>COM(2011) 620</u>		12.10.2011	Proposal for a Council decision authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified cotton 281-24-236x3006-210-23 (DAS-24236-5xDAS-21Ø23-5) pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council
<u>COM(2011) 621</u>		12.10.2011	Proposal for a Council decision authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified maize Bt11xMIR604xGA21 (SYN-BTØ11-1xSYN-IR6Ø4-5xMON-ØØØ21-9) pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council
<u>COM(2011) 622</u>		12.10.2011	Proposal for a Council decision authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified maize Bt11xMIR604 (SYN-BTØ11-1xSYN-IR6Ø4-5) pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council
<u>COM(2011) 623</u>		12.10.2011	Proposal for a Council decision authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified maize MIR604xGA21 (SYN-IR6Ø4-5xMON-ØØØ21-9) pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council
<u>COM(2011) 645</u>		10.10.2011	Joint proposal for a Council regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 442/2011 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria
<u>COM(2011) 646</u>		10.10.2011	Joint proposal for a Council regulation repealing Regulation (EC) No 1763/2004 imposing certain restrictive measures in support of effective implementation of the mandate of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)

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IV

(Notices)

NOTICES FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS, BODIES, OFFICES AND AGENCIES

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

DECISION OF THE BUREAU OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

of 23 March and 14 November 2011

amending the Implementing Measures for the Statute for Members of the European Parliament

(2011/C 335/07)

THE BUREAU OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 223(2) thereof,

Having regard to the Statute for Members of the European Parliament ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Rules 8 and 23 of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament,

Whereas:

- (1) Where Members take taxis in Parliament's places of work during weeks in which no official European Parliament activities are taking place, the fares should be reimbursed in the same way as for taxi travel during ordinary working weeks.
- (2) Where Members travel outside the territory of the European Union to take part in an official activity, they often have to cover the cost of their visa and related expenses. Given that these costs arise in the course of official business, it would be appropriate for Members to receive reimbursement thereof, provided that they submit the necessary supporting documents. The change to the rules which this involves should apply as from 1 January 2012 so as to ensure that all journeys in a single year are treated in the same way.
- (3) In certain circumstances arising in the course of official journeys, Members are entitled to reimbursement of the

cost of repatriation. Bearing in mind that repatriation may also give rise to associated costs, it would be appropriate to provide for those costs to be reimbursed as well. In order to meet this obligation, Parliament should take out an insurance policy. The insurance policy should take effect on the date of application of the relevant provision.

- (4) Where, in accordance with a well-established practice in the Member State concerned, Members have agreed to make redundancy payments to their local assistants that exceed the statutory minimum, they may, in order to cover the relevant expenses, instruct their paying agent to set aside funds from the parliamentary assistance allowance and to carry them over to the following financial years provided that various conditions are respected. It would be appropriate for the relevant provision of this Decision to apply from 14 July 2009,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Implementing Measures for the Statute for Members of the European Parliament ⁽²⁾ are amended as follows:

1. In Article 22, paragraph 2a is replaced by the following:

‘2a. Where a Member travels to one of Parliament's places of work during a week in which no official European Parliament activities are taking place, reimbursement of additional travel expenses shall be confined to travel costs,

⁽¹⁾ Decision 2005/684/EC, Euratom of the European Parliament of 28 September 2005 adopting the Statute for Members of the European Parliament (OJ L 262, 7.10.2005, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ Decision of the Bureau of the European Parliament of 19 May and 9 July 2008 concerning implementing measures for the Statute for Members of the European Parliament (OJ C 159, 13.7.2009, p. 1).

including taxi fares within the limits laid down in the Bureau rules governing the use of official cars by Members of the European Parliament, and hotel costs;'

2. In Article 24(3), the following point is inserted:

'(ba) on presentation of supporting documents, reimbursement of visa costs and related expenses;'

3. Article 29 is amended as follows:

(a) the title is replaced by the following:

'Assistance to Members on official journeys';

(b) paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

'1. A Member who, in the course of an official journey as referred to in Article 10(1), point (a), (2) and (2a), falls seriously ill or is the victim of an accident or of unforeseen circumstances that prevent the journey from proceeding smoothly shall be entitled to the assistance of Parliament. That assistance shall include the organisation of repatriation and the assumption of responsibility for payment of any associated costs. The Member, or, where appropriate, his or her representative, may request repatriation to one of Parliament's places of work or to his or her place of residence.'

(c) paragraph 3 is replaced by the following:

'3. Parliament shall discharge its assistance obligations by means of an insurance policy. The rights of Members referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be exercised under the conditions laid down in the policy.'

(d) the following paragraph is added:

'4. The insurance policy shall cover *inter alia* the cost of provision of the following assistance:

- assistance in the event of serious illness, accident or death of a Member,
- assistance and early return in the event of natural disaster, major disturbances of public order or serious illness, accident or death of a relative of the Member,
- logistical and administrative assistance in the event of loss or theft of documents,
- assistance in the event of legal action taken out against the Member,

— supplementary life and invalidity insurance (outstanding balance).';

4. In Article 40, the following paragraph is added:

'5. In order to cover expenses relating to the termination of an employment contract that cannot be defrayed under paragraphs 1 to 4, Members may instruct their paying agent to set aside funds from the amount referred to in Article 33(4) and to carry them over to the following financial years provided that the following conditions are satisfied:

- (a) the Member has, through appropriate written documentation, established that, outside the European Parliament and without the participation of Members of the European Parliament, a well-established practice exists in the sector to which the employment contract relates whereby redundancy payments above the statutory minimum are made;
- (b) redundancy amounts corresponding to the practice identified under point (a) have been agreed in the employment contract of the local assistant. The amounts agreed may in no circumstances exceed one month's salary for each year of employment;
- (c) the amounts set aside are declared per employee during the annual regularisation procedure under Article 39. The paying agent shall open a separate bank account for the funds and shall each year provide a bank statement for regularisation. In every financial year, the paying agent may only set aside amounts corresponding to employment periods from the start of the ongoing parliamentary term until the end of that financial year or, if the contract expires in that year, until the end of the contract. Interest collected on the amounts set aside shall be declared at the time of the annual regularisation procedure. Any surplus or unused amounts shall be reimbursed to Parliament on an annual basis and at the end of the employment contract concerned.'

Article 2

1. This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

2. This Decision shall apply from the same day, with the exception of the following provisions:

- (a) Article 1, point 2, which shall apply from 1 January 2012;
- (b) Article 1, point 4, which shall apply from 14 July 2009.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Euro exchange rates ⁽¹⁾

15 November 2011

(2011/C 335/08)

1 euro =

Currency			Exchange rate		
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USD	US dollar	1,3532	AUD	Australian dollar	1,3351
JPY	Japanese yen	104,16	CAD	Canadian dollar	1,3866
DKK	Danish krone	7,4427	HKD	Hong Kong dollar	10,5313
GBP	Pound sterling	0,85345	NZD	New Zealand dollar	1,7591
SEK	Swedish krona	9,1238	SGD	Singapore dollar	1,7487
CHF	Swiss franc	1,2405	KRW	South Korean won	1 527,99
ISK	Iceland króna		ZAR	South African rand	11,0087
NOK	Norwegian krone	7,8000	CNY	Chinese yuan renminbi	8,5842
BGN	Bulgarian lev	1,9558	HRK	Croatian kuna	7,4815
CZK	Czech koruna	25,768	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	12 170,68
HUF	Hungarian forint	314,77	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	4,2714
LTL	Lithuanian litas	3,4528	PHP	Philippine peso	58,909
LVL	Latvian lats	0,7002	RUB	Russian rouble	41,5550
PLN	Polish zloty	4,4145	THB	Thai baht	41,746
RON	Romanian leu	4,3495	BRL	Brazilian real	2,3904
TRY	Turkish lira	2,4299	MXN	Mexican peso	18,3765
			INR	Indian rupee	68,5800

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

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Call for proposals under the 2012 'Ideas' work programme of the Seventh EC Framework Programme for research, technological development and demonstration activities

(2011/C 335/12)

Notice is hereby given of the launch of a call for proposals under the 2012 'Ideas' work programme of the Seventh Framework Programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration activities (2007 to 2013).

Proposals are invited for the following call. Call deadlines and budget are given in the call text, which is published on the participant portal website.

'Ideas' work programme

Call title	ERC Advanced Investigators Grant
Call identifier	ERC-2012-AdG

This call for proposals relates to the work programme adopted by Commission Decision C(2011) 4961 of 19 July 2011.

Information on the modalities of the call, the work programme, and the guidance for applicants on how to submit proposals is available through the relevant European Commission website:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/appmanager/participants/portal>

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.6409 — Gazprom Schweiz/Promgas)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2011/C 335/13)

1. On 7 November 2011, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which Gazprom Schweiz AG ('Gazprom Schweiz', Switzerland) controlled by Gazprom export LLC ('Gazprom export', Russian Federation), itself controlled by Open Joint Stock Company Gazprom ('Gazprom', Russian Federation), acquires from ENI SpA ('ENI', Italy) within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation a 50 % stake in Promgas SpA ('Promgas', Italy), currently jointly controlled by ENI and Gazprom export, by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Gazprom: the exploration, production, transportation, refining and marketing of natural gas and petrochemical products,
- Gazprom export: export of natural gas, oil, petroleum derivatives and other products of the petroleum and petrochemical industries to Europe and participation in energy investment projects,
- Gazprom Schweiz: exploration, production and sale of hydrocarbons,
- Promgas: wholesale supply of natural gas through mains in Italy.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the EC Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under the EC Merger Regulation ⁽²⁾ it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the Notice.

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation to the Commission.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (+32 22964301), by email to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.6409 — Gazprom Schweiz/Promgas, to the following address:

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1049 Bruxelles/Brussel
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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'EC Merger Regulation').

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

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case COMP/M.6427 — Hermes Europe/Armadillo Holding/B2C)****Candidate case for simplified procedure****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2011/C 335/14)

1. On 4 November 2011, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertakings Hermes Europe GmbH ('Hermes', Germany) belonging to the Otto group and Armadillo Holding GmbH ('Armadillo', Germany), jointly controlled by LaPoste SA and the Arianli Group, acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of B2C Limited Liability Company ('B2C', Russia) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Hermes: provider of transportation and logistics services,
- for Armadillo: provider of transportation and logistics services, especially in Eastern Europe,
- for B2C: active in Russia in the delivery of parcels to consumers, either from businesses or from other consumers.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the EC Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under the EC Merger Regulation ⁽²⁾ it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the Notice.

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation to the Commission.

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