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I

(Resolutions, recommendations and opinions)

OPINIONS

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

COMMISSION OPINION

of 22 June 2015

**relating to the plan for the disposal of radioactive waste arising from the dismantling of the
Phénix Fast Breeder Reactor, located at Marcoule in France****(only the French text is authentic)**

(2015/C 207/01)

The assessment below is carried out under the provisions of the Euratom Treaty, without prejudice to any additional assessments to be carried out under the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and the obligations stemming from it and from secondary legislation ⁽¹⁾.

On 16 February 2015, the European Commission received from the French Government, in accordance with Article 37 of the Euratom Treaty, General Data relating to the plan for the disposal of radioactive waste arising from the dismantling of the Phénix Fast Breeder Reactor.

On the basis of these data and additional information requested by the Commission on 6 March 2015 and provided by the French authorities on 10 April 2015, and following consultation with the Group of Experts, the Commission has drawn up the following opinion:

1. The distance between the facility and the nearest border with another Member State, in this case Italy, is 180 km.
2. During normal dismantling operations the discharges of liquid and gaseous effluents are not liable to cause an exposure of the population in another Member State that would be significant from the point of view of health, in respect of the dose limit laid down in the new Basic Safety Standards (Council Directive 2013/59/Euratom ⁽²⁾).
3. Solid radioactive waste is temporarily stored on site before being transferred to licensed treatment or disposal facilities located in France.

The Commission recommends that the residual activity concentration checks, carried out to confirm the conventional nature of the solid waste after decontamination, be such that compliance with the clearance criteria laid down in the new Basic Safety Standards (Directive 2013/59/Euratom) is ensured.

4. In the event of unplanned releases of radioactive effluents that may follow the accidents of the type and magnitude considered in the General Data, the doses likely to be received by the population in another Member State would not be significant from the point of view of health, in respect of the reference levels laid down in the new Basic Safety Standards (Directive 2013/59/Euratom).

⁽¹⁾ For instance, under the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, environmental aspects should be further assessed. Indicatively, the Commission would like to draw attention to the provisions of Directive 2011/92/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment, 2001/42/EC on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment, as well as to the Directive 92/43/EEC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora and directive 2000/60/EC establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy.

⁽²⁾ Council Directive 2013/59/Euratom of 5 December 2013 laying down basic safety standards for protection against the dangers arising from exposure to ionising radiation, and repealing Directives 89/618/Euratom, 90/641/Euratom, 96/29/Euratom, 97/43/Euratom and 2003/122/Euratom (OJ L 13, 17.1.2014, p. 1).

In conclusion, the Commission is of the opinion that the implementation of the plan for the disposal of radioactive waste in whatever form, arising from the dismantling of the Phénix Fast Breeder Reactor located at Marcoule in France, both in normal operation and in the event of the accidents of the type and magnitude considered in the General Data, is not liable to result in a radioactive contamination, significant from the point of view of health, of the water, soil or airspace of another Member State, in respect of the provisions laid down in the new Basic Safety Standards (Directive 2013/59/Euratom).

Done at Brussels, 22 June 2015.

For the Commission

Miguel ARIAS CAÑETE

Member of the Commission

II

*(Information)*INFORMATION FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS, BODIES, OFFICES
AND AGENCIES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Non-opposition to a notified concentration**(Case M.7640 — LBO France/IKKS)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2015/C 207/02)

On 17 June 2015, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the internal market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾. The full text of the decision is available only in French language and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

- in the merger section of the Competition website of the Commission (<http://ec.europa.eu/competition/mergers/cases/>). This website provides various facilities to help locate individual merger decisions, including company, case number, date and sectoral indexes,
- in electronic form on the EUR-Lex website (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/homepage.html?locale=en>) under document number 32015M7640. EUR-Lex is the online access to the European law.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

Non-opposition to a notified concentration**(Case M.7558 — DS Smith/Duopack)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2015/C 207/03)

On 21 May 2015, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the internal market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾. The full text of the decision is available only in the English language and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

- in the merger section of the Competition website of the Commission (<http://ec.europa.eu/competition/mergers/cases/>). This website provides various facilities to help locate individual merger decisions, including company, case number, date and sectoral indexes,
- in electronic form on the EUR-Lex website (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/homepage.html?locale=en>) under document number 32015M7558. EUR-Lex is the online access to European law.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

IV

(Notices)

NOTICES FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS, BODIES, OFFICES AND
AGENCIES

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

**adopting the Council's position on draft amending budget No 3 of the European Union for the
financial year 2015**

(2015/C 207/04)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 314 thereof, in conjunction with the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 106a thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 ⁽¹⁾ and in particular Article 41 thereof,

Whereas:

- the Union's budget for the financial year 2015 was definitively adopted on 17 December 2014 ⁽²⁾,
- on 15 April 2015, the Commission submitted a proposal containing draft amending budget No 3 to the general budget for the financial year 2015,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The Council's position on draft amending budget No 3 of the European Union for the financial year 2015 was adopted on 19 June 2015.

The full text can be accessed for consultation or downloading on the Council's website: <http://www.consilium.europa.eu/>

Done at Luxembourg, on 19 June 2015.

*For the Council**The President*

J. REIRS

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 69, 13.3.2015, p. 1.

COUNCIL DECISION**adopting the Council's position on draft amending budget No 4 of the European Union for the financial year 2015 accompanying the proposal to mobilise the EU Solidarity Fund for Romania, Bulgaria and Italy**

(2015/C 207/05)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 314 thereof, in conjunction with the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 106a thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 ⁽¹⁾ and in particular Article 41 thereof,

Whereas:

- the Union's budget for the financial year 2015 was definitively adopted on 17 December 2014 ⁽²⁾,
- on 15 April 2015, the Commission submitted a proposal containing draft amending budget No 4 to the general budget for the financial year 2015,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The Council's position on draft amending budget No 4 of the European Union for the financial year 2015 was adopted on 19 June 2015.

The full text can be accessed for consultation or downloading on the Council's website: <http://www.consilium.europa.eu/>

Done at Luxembourg, on 19 June 2015.

For the Council

The President

J. REIRS

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 69, 13.3.2015, p. 1.

COUNCIL DECISION**adopting the Council's position on draft amending budget No 5 of the European Union for the financial year 2015**

(2015/C 207/06)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 314 thereof, in conjunction with the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 106a thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 ⁽¹⁾ and in particular Article 41 thereof,

Whereas:

- the Union's budget for the financial year 2015 was definitively adopted on 17 December 2014 ⁽²⁾,
- on 13 May 2015, the Commission submitted a proposal containing draft amending budget No 5 to the general budget for the financial year 2015,
- given the fact that draft amending budget No 5 to the general budget for 2015 needs to be adopted without delay, it is justified to shorten, in accordance with Article 3(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, the eight-week period for the information of national Parliaments laid down in Article 4 of Protocol No 1,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The Council's position on draft amending budget No 5 of the European Union for the financial year 2015 was adopted on 19 June 2015.

The full text can be accessed for consultation or downloading on the Council's website: <http://www.consilium.europa.eu/>

Done at Luxembourg, on 19 June 2015.

For the Council

The President

J. REIRS

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 69, 13.3.2015, p. 1.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Euro exchange rates ⁽¹⁾

23 June 2015

(2015/C 207/07)

1 euro =

Currency			Exchange rate		
USD	US dollar	1,1204	CAD	Canadian dollar	1,3825
JPY	Japanese yen	138,72	HKD	Hong Kong dollar	8,6859
DKK	Danish krone	7,4625	NZD	New Zealand dollar	1,6381
GBP	Pound sterling	0,71010	SGD	Singapore dollar	1,5006
SEK	Swedish krona	9,2071	KRW	South Korean won	1 238,95
CHF	Swiss franc	1,0449	ZAR	South African rand	13,6514
ISK	Iceland króna		CNY	Chinese yuan renminbi	6,9539
NOK	Norwegian krone	8,7255	HRK	Croatian kuna	7,5780
BGN	Bulgarian lev	1,9558	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	14 878,91
CZK	Czech koruna	27,189	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	4,1925
HUF	Hungarian forint	310,24	PHP	Philippine peso	50,536
PLN	Polish zloty	4,1697	RUB	Russian rouble	60,9175
RON	Romanian leu	4,4805	THB	Thai baht	37,819
TRY	Turkish lira	3,0010	BRL	Brazilian real	3,4655
AUD	Australian dollar	1,4538	MXN	Mexican peso	17,2284
			INR	Indian rupee	71,2742

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

NOTICES FROM MEMBER STATES

Notice from the Government of the Republic of Poland concerning Directive 94/22/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the conditions for granting and using authorisations for the prospection, exploration and production of hydrocarbons in the ‘Czerwionka-Leszczyń’ area

(2015/C 207/08)

This procedure concerns the granting of a concession for the prospection or exploration of coal-bed methane deposits in the ‘Czerwionka-Leszczyń’ area of Śląskie province:

Name	Block No	1992 coordinate system	
		X	Y
Czerwionka-Leszczyń	part of concession block No 390	258 032,74	478 214,46
		257 600,22	477 475,88
		257 236,65	476 855,03
		255 820,02	474 279,88
		255 054,37	472 888,08
		252 191,11	472 884,02
		250 591,73	473 198,17
		250 559,59	474 517,17
		252 167,24	475 553,57
		253 255,23	477 826,23
		255 299,03	479 521,25
		254 975,11	482 628,61
		256 425,31	480 535,09

Applications must cover the above area.

Concession applications must be submitted to the central office of the Ministry of the Environment no later than 12.00 noon (CET/CEST) on the last day of the 91-day period commencing on the day following the date of publication of this notice in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Applications received will be assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

- (a) the technology proposed for the work (50 %);
- (b) the applicant's technical and financial capacities (40 %);
- (c) the fee proposed for the establishment of mining usufruct rights (10 %).

The minimum fee for the establishment of mining usufruct rights for the ‘Czerwionka-Leszczyń’ area is:

1. for the prospection of coal-bed methane deposits:

- during a three-year base period: PLN 3 628,17 per year,
- for the fourth and fifth years of validity of a mining usufruct contract: PLN 4 353,80 per year,
- for the sixth and subsequent years of validity of a mining usufruct contract: PLN 5 079,44 per year;

2. for the exploration of coal-bed methane deposits:

- during a three-year base period: PLN 7 256,34 per year,

- for the fourth and fifth years of validity of a mining usufruct contract: PLN 8 707,61 per year,
- for the sixth and subsequent years of validity of a mining usufruct contract: PLN 10 158,88 per year.

3. for the prospection and exploration of coal-bed methane deposits:

- during a five-year base period: PLN 7 256,34 per year,
- for the sixth, seventh and eighth years of validity of a mining usufruct contract: PLN 8 707,61 per year,
- for the ninth and subsequent years of validity of a mining usufruct contract: PLN 10 158,88 per year.

The application evaluation procedure will be completed no more than six months after the deadline for submitting applications expires. Applicants will receive written notification of the outcome of the procedure.

Applications must be drawn up in Polish.

The licensing authority will grant a concession for the prospection or exploration of coal-bed methane deposits to the successful applicant after taking account of the opinion of the relevant authorities, and will conclude a mining usufruct contract with it.

In order to be able to carry out activity involving the prospection or exploration of hydrocarbon deposits in Poland, an operator must hold both mining usufruct rights and a concession.

Applications should be sent to the Ministry of the Environment at the following address:

Ministerstwo Środowiska
Departament Geologii i Koncesji Geologicznych
ul. Wawelska 52/54
00-922 Warszawa
POLSKA/POLAND

Information may be obtained from:

- the website of the Ministry of the Environment: www.mos.gov.pl
- The Geology and Geological Concessions Department
Ministry of the Environment
ul. Wawelska 52/54
00-922 Warszawa
POLSKA/POLAND
Tel. +48 225792449
Fax +48 225792460
Email: dgikg@mos.gov.pl

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Chief State Geologist

Communication from the French Government concerning Directive 94/22/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the conditions for granting and using authorisations for the prospection, exploration and production of hydrocarbons ⁽¹⁾

(Notice regarding an application for an exclusive licence to prospect for conventional oil and gas, designated the 'Aureilhan licence')

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2015/C 207/09)

On 15 February 2015 PerfEnergy SAS (35, avenue d'Eprenesnil, 78290 Croissy-sur-Seine) applied for an exclusive five-year licence, designated the 'Aureilhan licence', to prospect for conventional oil and gas in the department of Landes.

The perimeter of the area covered by this licence is demarcated by the straight lines connecting the points defined below:

Point	NTF meridian of origin Paris		RGF93 meridian of origin Greenwich	
	Longitude West	Latitude North	Longitude West	Latitude North
A	4,00 gr	49,20 gr	1°15'49"	44°16'48"
B	3,90 gr	49,20 gr	1°10'25"	44°16'48"
C	3,90 gr	49,10 gr	1°10'25"	44°11'24"
D	4,00 gr	49,10 gr	1°15'49"	44°11'24"

The area as defined above covers approximately 72 km².

Submission of applications and criteria for awarding rights

The initial applicant and competing applicants must prove that they meet the requirements for obtaining licences set out in Articles 4 and 5 of Decree No 2006-648 of 2 June 2006 (as amended) on mining rights and underground storage rights (*Official Journal of the French Republic*, 3 June 2006).

Interested companies may, within 90 days of the publication of this notice, submit a competing application in accordance with the procedure summarised in the 'Notice regarding the granting of mining rights for hydrocarbons in France', published in *Official Journal of the European Communities* C 374 of 30 December 1994, page 11, and established by Decree No 2006-2 of 3 June 2006 (as amended) concerning mining rights and underground storage rights (*Official Journal of the French Republic*, 3 June 2006).

Competing applications must be sent to the Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy at the address given below. Decisions on the initial application and any competing applications will be taken within two years of the date on which the French authorities received the initial application, i.e. by 24 February 2017 at the latest.

Conditions and requirements regarding performance of the activity and cessation thereof

Applicants are referred to Articles 79 and 79(1) of the French Mining Code and to Decree No 2006-649 of 2 June 2006 (as amended) on mining and underground storage operations and the regulations governing mining and underground storage (*Official Journal of the French Republic*, 3 June 2006).

Further information can be obtained from the Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy:

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 164, 30.6.1994, p. 3.

Direction générale de l'énergie et du climat – Direction de l'énergie
Bureau exploration et production des hydrocarbures
Tour Séquoia
1 place Carpeaux
92800 Puteaux
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Tel. +33 140819527

The abovementioned laws and regulations can be consulted on the Légifrance website: <http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr>

V

*(Announcements)*PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION
POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case M.7567 — Ball/Rexam)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2015/C 207/10)

1. On 15 June 2015, 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 Ball Corporation ('Ball', United States of America) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Rexam PLC ('Rexam', United Kingdom) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Ball: manufacturer of beverage cans, food cans and aerosol cans for household products, also active in innovative aerospace systems;
- Rexam: manufacturer of beverage cans.

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.

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 M.7567 — Ball/Rexam, to the following address:

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

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

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case M.7660 — KKR/Ursa)****Candidate case for simplified procedure****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2015/C 207/11)

1. On 12 June 2015 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 KKR & Co. L.P. ('KKR', United States) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Ursa Insulation Holding B.V. ('Ursa', Spain) by way of acquisition of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for KKR: global alternative asset manager and provider of financial advisory services.

— for Ursa: insulation materials provider.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under the Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽²⁾ it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in this 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 e-mail to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number M.7660 — KKR/Ursa to the following address:

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

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

⁽²⁾ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case M.7668 — Harng Central Department Store/KS Premium Holding)****Candidate case for simplified procedure****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2015/C 207/12)

1. On 16 June 2015, 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 Harng Central Department Store Ltd (Thailand) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking KS Premium Holding GmbH (Germany) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Harng Central Department Store Ltd: conglomerate holding company active in merchandising, real estate, retailing, hospitality and restaurants,
- for KS Premium Holding GmbH: holding company of three department stores in Germany ('KaDeWe' in Berlin, 'Oberpollinger' in Munich and 'Alsterhaus' in Hamburg).

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under the Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽²⁾ it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in this 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 M.7668 — Harng Central Department Store/KS Premium Holding, to the following address:

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

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

⁽²⁾ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case M.7683 — Ardian France/Goldentree Asset Management/Maxeda DIY Group)****Candidate case for simplified procedure****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2015/C 207/13)

1. On 16 June 2015, 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 Ardian France SA ('Ardian', France) and Goldentree Asset Management LP ('GTAM', USA) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the undertaking Maxeda DIY Group BV('Maxeda', the Netherlands) by way of acquisition of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Ardian: private equity and asset management,
- for GTAM: private equity and asset management,
- for Maxeda: do-it-yourself retail sales.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under the Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽²⁾ it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in this Notice.

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

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

⁽²⁾ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case M.7559 — Pfizer/Hospira)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2015/C 207/14)

1. On 15 June 2015, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which Pfizer Inc. ('Pfizer') acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of Hospira Inc. ('Hospira'), both of the US, by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Pfizer is a global research based biomedical and pharmaceutical company active in discovering, developing, manufacturing, marketing and selling innovative medicines for humans.
- Hospira is global provider of injectable drugs and infusion technologies, with a broad portfolio of generic, branded and biosimilar medicines for humans.

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.

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 e-mail to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number M.7559 — Pfizer/Hospira, to the following address:

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

