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⁽¹⁾ Text with EEA relevance.

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NOTICES FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS, BODIES, OFFICES AND AGENCIES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Interest rate applied by the European Central Bank to its main refinancing operations ⁽¹⁾:**0,00 % on 1 January 2019****Euro exchange rates ⁽²⁾****3 January 2019**

(2019/C 2/01)

1 euro =

Currency	Exchange rate	Currency	Exchange rate		
USD	US dollar	1,1348	CAD	Canadian dollar	1,5392
JPY	Japanese yen	122,21	HKD	Hong Kong dollar	8,8884
DKK	Danish krone	7,4675	NZD	New Zealand dollar	1,7085
GBP	Pound sterling	0,90312	SGD	Singapore dollar	1,5501
SEK	Swedish krona	10,2808	KRW	South Korean won	1 279,17
CHF	Swiss franc	1,1219	ZAR	South African rand	16,4149
ISK	Iceland króna	133,60	CNY	Chinese yuan renminbi	7,8019
NOK	Norwegian krone	9,9113	HRK	Croatian kuna	7,4325
BGN	Bulgarian lev	1,9558	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	16 352,47
CZK	Czech koruna	25,683	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	4,7020
HUF	Hungarian forint	322,41	PHP	Philippine peso	59,679
PLN	Polish zloty	4,2975	RUB	Russian rouble	78,2615
RON	Romanian leu	4,6660	THB	Thai baht	36,518
TRY	Turkish lira	6,2248	BRL	Brazilian real	4,2814
AUD	Australian dollar	1,6287	MXN	Mexican peso	22,2384
			INR	Indian rupee	79,6080

⁽¹⁾ Rate applied to the most recent operation carried out before the indicated day. In the case of a variable rate tender, the interest rate is the marginal rate.

⁽²⁾ Source: reference exchange rate published by the ECB.

Explanatory Notes to the Combined Nomenclature of the European Union

(2019/C 2/02)

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

On page 296, in the explanatory note to subheading 7307 19 10 (Of malleable cast iron), the third paragraph under the heading is deleted.

On page 296, the following explanatory note is inserted:

‘7307 19 90 Other

This subheading includes fittings of spheroidal graphite cast iron.’

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

⁽²⁾ OJ C 76, 4.3.2015, p. 1.

V

(Announcements)

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION
POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.9180 — Volkswagen/Daimler/HeyCar)
Candidate case for simplified procedure
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2019/C 2/03)

1. On 19 December 2018, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾.

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

- Volkswagen Financial Services AG ('VWFS', Germany), controlled by Volkswagen AG ('Volkswagen');
- Leonie FS DVB GmbH ('DFS', Germany), controlled by Daimler AG ('Daimler');
- Mobility Trader Holding GmbH ('MTH', Germany), controlled by Volkswagen Group, operating under the marketing name HeyCar.

DFS acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation, joint control of MTH, together with VWFS.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of assets.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Volkswagen is globally active in the manufacture and sale of motor vehicles, including related spare parts and accessories, diesel engines and motorcycles. Volkswagen also provides financial services, including financing, leasing, insurance, fleet management services and mobility solutions.
- Daimler is globally active in the manufacture and sale of motor vehicles, mainly passenger cars, trucks, vans and buses. Its product portfolio also includes financing and leasing packages for dealers and customers, as well as financial services such as insurance brokerage, investment products, credit cards, and full fleet management and leasing services.
- MTH provides dealers and consumers in Germany with an online platform called HeyCar for the sale and purchase of high quality used cars.
- HeyCar is also active as an intermediary for automotive financing opportunities.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.

Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under the Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽²⁾ it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the Notice.

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

⁽²⁾ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

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

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. The following reference should always be specified:

M.9180 — Volkswagen/Daimler/HeyCar

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

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Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.9135 — The Blackstone Group/Luminor Bank)
Candidate case for simplified procedure
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2019/C 2/04)

1. On 18 December 2018, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾.

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

- The Blackstone Group L.P. ('Blackstone', United States), and
- Luminor Bank AS ('Luminor Bank', Estonia) which belongs to the Luminor Group AB (Sweden).

Blackstone acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Luminor Bank.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Blackstone: asset management and financial advisory services, and
- for Luminor Bank: financial services, including retail and corporate banking, in Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.

Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under the Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽²⁾ it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the Notice.

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

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. The following reference should always be specified:

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