

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.4417 — Telecom Italia/AOL German Access Business)

(2006/C 260/04)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 20 October 2006, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾, by which Telecom Italia S.p.A. ('Telecom Italia', Italy) acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1) (b) of the Council Regulation, sole control of the AOL German Access Business ('AOL') by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for Telecom Italia: provision of voice telephone, mobile services and data transmission services;
 - for AOL: provision of internet services.
3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified concentration could fall within the scope of Regulation (EEC) 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 (fax No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.4417 — Telecom Italia/AOL German Access Business to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.