

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.4522 — Carrefour/Ahold Polska)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2007/C 39/14)

1. On 16 February 2007, 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 Carrefour Nederland BV ('Carrefour Nederland', Netherlands), belonging to the group Carrefour ('Carrefour', France), acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Ahold Polska Sp. z o.o ('Ahold Polska', Poland) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Carrefour: international group active in food and non-food retailing;

— for Ahold Polska: part of the Ahold group, active in food and non-food retailing in Poland.

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 (fax No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.4522 — Carrefour/Ahold Polska, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJL 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.