# PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

# EUROPEAN COMMISSION

**Prior notification of a concentration**

**(Case M.8857 — Edenred/UTA)**

**Candidate case for simplified procedure**

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2018/C 157/05)

1. On 24 April 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:

— Edenred Tankkarten Holding GmbH, ultimately controlled by Edenred SA ('Edenred', France), and

— Union Tank Eckstein GmbH & Co. KG ('UTA', Germany).

Edenred acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of UTA, which it currently jointly controls.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares, following the exercise of a put option on 27 December 2017.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are as follows:

— Edenred provides pre- and post-paid corporate services including employee benefits and mobility solutions.

— UTA issues fuel cards used for cashless payment of fuel and other vehicle-related services.

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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([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').
([2]) OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

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