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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8611 — Smithfield/Pini Polonia)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2017/C 411/08)

1. On 27 November 2017, 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:

— Smithfield Foods, Inc. ('Smithfield', United States); an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of WH Group Limited,

— Pini Polonia Sp. z o.o. ('Pini Polonia', Poland).

Smithfield acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation, control over the whole of Pini Polonia.

The concentration is accomplished by way of a purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Smithfield is primarily engaged in pig production, pig slaughtering and the processing and distribution of packaged meats and fresh pork through its subsidiaries and affiliates in the United States, Mexico, Poland, Romania and the United Kingdom.

— Pini Polonia operates a single pork slaughterhouse located in Kutno, Poland. In addition to the slaughtering of pigs, Pini Polonia supplies pork meat to retailers and to further processing plants.

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. The following reference should always be specified:

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