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Lantmännen ek för
S:t Göransgatan 160 A,
112 17, Stockholm,
Sweden

Subject: **Case M.11442 - LANTMÄNNEN / HKSCAN SWEDEN**
Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004([1]) and Article 57 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area([2])

Dear Sir or Madam,

(1) On 13 February 2024, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation, by which, Lantmännen ek för ("Lantmännen", Sweden) intends to acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation, sole control of the whole of HKScan Sweden ("HKScan Sweden", Sweden), solely controlled by HKScan Oyj. The concentration is to be accomplished by way of purchase of shares.[3]

(2) The business activities of the undertakings concerned are the following:

— Lantmännen is an agricultural cooperative association owned by around 18,000 Swedish farmers active in agriculture, machinery, bioenergy and food products in Northern Europe,

— HKScan Sweden is active in the value chain for the production of red meat including services such as slaughtering, cutting, and deboning of cattle, pigs and sheep, as well as sale of fresh and processed meat and associated products, in Sweden.

([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation'). With effect from 1 December 2009, the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ('TFEU') has introduced certain changes, such as the replacement of 'Community' by 'Union' and 'common market' by 'internal market'. The terminology of the TFEU will be used throughout this decision.
([2]) OJ L 1, 3.1.1994, p. 3 (the 'EEA Agreement').
([3]) OJ C, C/2024/1722, 23.2.2024.

(3) After examination of the notification, the European Commission has concluded that the notified operation falls within the scope of the Merger Regulation and of paragraph 5(d) of the Commission Notice on a simplified treatment for certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.([4])

(4) For the reasons set out in the Notice on a simplified treatment, the European Commission has decided not to oppose the notified operation and to declare it compatible with the internal market and with the EEA Agreement. This decision is adopted in application of Article 6(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation and Article 57 of the EEA Agreement.

For the Commission

(Signed)
Olivier GUERSENT
Director-General

([4]) OJ C 160, 5.5.2023, p. 1 (the 'Notice on a simplified treatment').