Area IV. End use and products

IV.1. Food quality and consumer aspects

— Consumer safety

— Interaction between diet and health

— Acceptability of food

— Speciality or functional foods

— Understanding of food properties

— Prenormative research

IV.2. Non-food

— Assessment of market requirements

— Bioenergy

— Prenormative research

The areas and topics outlined above are described in detail in the background material available on written request from the Commission services.

Inapplicability and Non-opposition to a notified operation

(Case No IV/M.197 — Solvay-Laporte/Interox)

(92/C 165/39)

On 30 April 1992, the Commission has decided:

(a) that the notified operation in the above case gives rise to two separate concentrations, through which both notifying parties, Solvay and Laporte, will have sole as opposed to joint control for two separate sets of products;

(b) that the acquisition by Laporte of sole control of Interox's initiator business does not fall within the scope of the Regulation because it does not meet the thresholds of Article 1 (2) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 [1];

(c) that the acquisition by Solvay of sole control of Interox's non-initiator business is compatible with the common market.

This decision is adopted in application of Article 6 (1) (a) and (b) of the Merger Regulation. Third parties showing a sufficient interest can obtain a copy of the decision by making a written request to:

Commission of the European Communities,
Directorate General for Competition (DG IV),
Merger Task Force,
150, avenue de Cortenberg,
B-1049 Brussels.

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[1] OJ No L 257, 21. 9. 1990, p. 13 (amended).