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Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.11827 – LDC / VITERRA ASSETS)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 15 January 2025, 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:

— Louis Dreyfus Company Suisse S.A. ('LDC', Switzerland), controlled by Louis Dreyfus Company B.V. (the Netherlands),

— several Dutch, Hungarian and Polish subsidiaries (the 'Viterra Assets') of Viterra Limited (the Netherlands),

LDC will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the Viterra Assets.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are the following:

— LDC is a merchant and processor of agricultural goods, with activities spanning the entire value chain (production, origination, processing, storing, transporting and merchandising),

— The Viterra Assets are focused on origination, trading and processing of agricultural commodities (notably rapeseed and sunflower seeds) primarily in Poland and Hungary.

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 treatment for certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 on the control of concentrations between undertakings ([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 160, 5.5.2023, p. 1.

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