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Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.11334 – DPI / PI / JV)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 20 February 2024, 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:

— Deutsche Post International B.V. ('DPI', The Netherlands), controlled by Deutsche Post AG (Germany),

— Poste Italiane S.p.A. ('PI', Italy).

DPI and PI will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of a newly created joint venture company ('NewCo').

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

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

— DPI is a holding company involved in participating, financing, and managing businesses, which operates indirectly in the small packages' delivery services market through its subsidiaries,

— PI is a holding company which offers services that range from letter and parcel delivery, logistics, financial and insurance services to payment systems, telecommunications, and energy services.

3. The business activities of NewCo will be the following: development of a parcel locker network in Italy for the delivery of small parcels.

4. 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.

5. 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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Observations can be sent to the Commission by email or by post. Please use the contact details below:

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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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