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Van Drie Holding B.V.
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The Netherlands

Subject: **Case M.11355 - VAN DRIE / F&F**
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 31 January 2024, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation, by which, Van Drie Holding B.V. ('Van Drie', the Netherlands) intends to acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation, sole control of F&F Group B.V. and Melkboer Vastgoed B.V. (both jointly 'F&F', the Netherlands).

2. The concentration is to be accomplished by way of purchase of shares.[3]

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

   — Van Drie is a company active in the wholesale of various dairy commodities, the production and sale of calf milk replacer, the purchase, trade and slaughter of calves and the sale of veal,
   — F&F are active in the wholesale of dairy and vegetable ingredients in the international food and feed industry.

4. 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 procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.[4]

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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/2024/01434, 8.2.2024.

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

5. For the reasons set out in the Notice on a simplified procedure, 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