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Subject: **Case M.11544 – PFEIFER & LANGEN IHKG GROUP / LATRAPS / ASNS**
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 2 July 2024, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which, Pfeifer & Langen GmbH & Co. KG ('Pfeifer & Langen', Germany) and Lauksaimniecības pakalpojumu kooperatīvā sabiedrība ('LATRAPS', Latvia) intend to acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation, joint control of ASNS Ingredient SIA ('ASNS', Latvia), currently controlled by LATRAPS. The concentration is to be accomplished by way of purchase of shares. ([3])

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

– Pfeifer & Langen primarily manufactures and supplies sugar, drinks, foodstuffs and meat and fish substitute products,

– LATRAPS is a Latvian agricultural service cooperative society, wholly owned by 1,195 members, and provides its members assistance in growing, developing, and selling crops.

(3) The business activities of the undertaking ASNS are the following: ASNS oversees the development of a pea protein isolate plant in Jelgavas, Latvia, expected to be operational in 2027.

(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

([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/2024/4425, 10.07.2024, C/2024/90048, 12.07.2024.

paragraph 5(d) of the Commission Notice on a simplified treatment for certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. ([4])

(5) 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').