Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9811 – Franklin Resources, INC./Legg Mason, INC.)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2020/C 116/08)

1. On 1 April 2020, 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:

— Franklin Resources, INC. ('Franklin Resources', USA),

— Legg Mason, INC. ('Legg Mason', USA).

Franklin Resources acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Legg Mason.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Franklin Resources provides investment management and related services to retail, institutional and high-net-worth investors.

— Legg Mason provides investment management and related products and services to institutional and individual clients.

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 procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under the Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([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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Observations can be sent to the Commission by email, by fax, 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 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.