PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.9693 — Liberty/Aleris Divestment Business)
Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2019/C 420/10)

1. On 4 December 2019, 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:

— Liberty House Group Pte. Ltd ('Liberty', Singapore)

— Aleris Divestment Business ('Aleris DB', Belgium)

Liberty acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the Aleris DB.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Liberty: metals recycling, manufacture of steel, manufacture of aluminium and engineering products,

— for Aleris DB: manufacture and sale of aluminium flat-rolled products, including in particular aluminium automotive body sheets and heat exchanger.

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:

M.9693 — Liberty/Aleris Divestment Business

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

([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').
([2]) OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

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