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Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.11637 – SONOCO / EVIOSYS)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 27 September 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:

— Sonoco Products Company ('Sonoco', United States),

— Eviosys Group ('Eviosys', Switzerland).

Sonoco will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Eviosys.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

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

— Sonoco is a global manufacturer of industrial and consumer packaging products, including in particular composite cans and rigid paper containers. In Europe, it is mostly active in consumer and industrial plastics, composite (paper-based) cans and, to a limited extent, standalone metal can ends,

— Eviosys activities are across metal food packaging solutions, closures, promotional metal packaging designs, and tinplate aerosol cans. In Europe, it is active in packaging for food and promotional cans, standalone can ends, and aerosols.

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 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.

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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([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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