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(Announcements)

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9241 — Cattolica/IMA France/IMA Italia Group)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2019/C 22/05)

1. On 11 January 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:

— Società Cattolica di Assicurazione — Società cooperativa ('Cattolica', Italy),

— Inter Mutuelles Assistance SA ('IMA France', France),

— IMA Italia Assistance Spa and IMA Servizi Scarl (together, 'IMA Italia Group', Italy), currently solely controlled by IMA France.

Cattolica acquires within the meaning of Articles 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of IMA Italia Group. As a result of the Transaction, IMA Italia Group will be jointly controlled by Cattolica and IMA France.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Cattolica: life and non-life insurance in Italy,

— for IMA France: non-life insurance, non-life reinsurance and provision of assistance services, primarily in France;

— for IMA Italia Group: non-life insurance, non-life reinsurance and provision of assistance services in Italy.

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.9241 — Cattolica/IMA France/IMA Italia Group

([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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