V

(Announcements)

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8624 — Michael Kors/Jimmy Choo)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2017/C 315/04)

1. On 15 September 2017, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]) by which the undertaking Michael Kors Holdings Limited (British Virgin Islands) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Jimmy Choo PLC (United Kingdom) by way of a public bid announced on 25 July 2017.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for undertaking Michael Kors Holdings Limited: design, development, distribution, wholesale, retail and licencing of branded luxury accessories, footwear and apparel,

— for undertaking Jimmy Choo PLC: design, development, distribution, manufacture, wholesale, retail and licencing of branded luxury footwear and accessories.

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 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 this 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. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (+32 22964301), by email to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference M.8624 — Michael Kors/Jimmy Choo, to the following address:

European Commission
Directorate-General for Competition
Merger Registry
1049 Bruxelles/Brussel
BELGIQUE/BELGIË

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