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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9142 — REWE/Lekkerland)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2019/C 245/05)

1. On 15 July 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:

— REWE-ZENTRALFINANZ eG (Germany, 'REWE') and REWE-Zentral Aktiengesellschaft (Germany) (together 'REWE Group'),

— Lekkerland AG & Co. KG (Germany) and Lekkerland AG (Germany) (together 'Lekkerland').

REWE acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control over the whole of Lekkerland.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— REWE is mainly active in the retail distribution of daily consumer goods. It operates supermarkets, beverage stores, discounters, DIY stores and drugstores under different brands,

— Lekkerland is mainly active in the wholesale distribution of daily consumer goods like food-to-go and non-food products, including tobacco, as well as in the supply of e-loading solutions.

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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([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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