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Subject: **Case M.11664 – COMPASS / DR HOLDING**
Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]) and Article 57 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area ([2])

Dear Sir or Madam,

(1) On 12 August 2024, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation, by which Compass Group PLC ("Compass"), incorporated in the United Kingdom, will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of DR Holding (France), controlled by Caisse Fédérale de Credit Mutuel (France). The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares and purchase of securities. ([3])

(2) The business activities of the undertakings concerned are the following:

– Compass provides outsourced foodservices and concession foodservices in multiple jurisdictions across the world, in particular in the United States and Europe,

– DR Holding is a holding company and the companies in its perimeter provide catering and foodservices mainly in France and to a lesser extent in Belgium.

(3) After examination of the notification, the European Commission has concluded that the notified operation falls within the scope of the Merger Regulation and of paragraph 5(d) and 8 of the Commission Notice on a simplified treatment for certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. ([4])

([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation'). With effect from 1 December 2009, the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ('TFEU') has introduced certain changes, such as the replacement of 'Community' by 'Union' and 'common market' by 'internal market'. The terminology of the TFEU will be used throughout this decision.
([2]) OJ L 1, 3.1.1994, p. 3 (the 'EEA Agreement').
([3]) OJ C, C/2024/5186, 21.8.2024.
([4]) OJ C 160, 5.5.2023, p. 1 (the 'Notice on a simplified treatment').

(4) For the reasons set out in the Notice on a simplified treatment, the European Commission has decided not to oppose the notified operation and to declare it compatible with the internal market and with the EEA Agreement. This decision is adopted in application of Article 6(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation and Article 57 of the EEA Agreement.

For the Commission

(Signed)
Olivier GUERSENT
Director-General