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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9144 — Michael Kors/Gianni Versace)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2018/C 378/06)

1. On 11 October 2018, 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:

— Michael Kors Holdings Limited ('MKHL', USA),

— Gianni Versace SpA ('Versace', Italy).

MKHL acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Versace.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for MKHL: design, development, manufacture, distribution, wholesale, retail and licensing of Michael Kors and Jimmy Choo branded luxury products globally, such as luxury accessories, footware and apparel,

— for Versace: design, development, manufacture, distribution, wholesale, retail and licensing of Versace branded luxury products globally, such as luxury accessories, footware and apparel.

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.9144 — Michael Kors/Gianni Versace

([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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