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To the notifying party

Subject: **Case M.9811 – FRANKLIN RESOURCES / LEGG MASON**
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 1 April 2020, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertaking Franklin Resources, INC. ('Franklin Resources', USA) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control over the whole of the undertaking Legg Mason, INC. ('Legg Mason', USA) by way of purchase of shares.[3]

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

   – Franklin Resources provides investment management and related services to retail, institutional and high-net-worth investors.

   – Legg Mason provides investment management and related products and services to institutional and individual clients.

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(c) of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.[4]

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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 Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 116, 08.04.2020, p. 18.

4 OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

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4. For the reasons set out in the Notice on a simplified procedure, 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)
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Director-General