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Subject: **Case M.11840 – SODECIA / HUF HOLDING / HUF HÜLSBECK & FÜRST / HUF INDUSTRIEVERWALTUNG**
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 4 April 2025, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation, and following a referral pursuant to Article 4(5) of the Merger Regulation, by which Sodecia Participações Sociais, S.G.P.S., S.A. ("SODECIA", Portugal) and Huf Holding GmbH & Co. KG ("Huf Holding", Germany) will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Huf Hülsbeck & Fürst GmbH & Co. KG and Huf Industrieverwaltung GmbH (both based in Germany; jointly, "the JV"), currently solely owned by Huf Holding, by way of purchase of shares. ([3])

([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/ 2025/2276, 14.04.2025.

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

— SODECIA is active in the development, production and distribution of metal stamping parts for automotive internal structures,

— Huf Holding is a holding company whose sole activity is holding 100% of the JV.

(3) The business activities of the JV are the development, production and distribution of car access and authorization systems.

(4) 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 treatment for certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. ([4])

(5) 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
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([4]) OJ C 160, 5.5.2023, p. 1 (the 'Notice on a simplified treatment').