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Subject: **Case M.11334 - DPI / PI / JV**
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 20 February 2024 the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation, by which Deutsche Post International B.V. ('DPI', The Netherlands), controlled by Deutsche Post AG (Germany) and Poste Italiane S.p.A. ('PI', Italy) will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of a newly created joint venture company ('JV'). The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture. ([3])

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

– DPI is a holding company involved in participating, financing, and managing businesses, which operates indirectly in the small packages' delivery services market through its subsidiaries,

([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/2024/1916, 01.03.2024.

– PI is the holding company of the Poste Italiane Group, which offers services that range from letter and parcel delivery, logistics, financial and insurance services to payment systems, telecommunications, and energy services.

(3) The business activities of the JV will be the following: the development of a parcel locker network in Italy for the delivery of small parcels.

(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(b) 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

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