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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9886 – Salling Group/Tesco Polska)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2020/C 233/03)

1. On 7 July 2020, 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:

— Salling Group A/S ('Salling Group', Denmark),

— Tesco (Polska) sp. z.o.o. ('Tesco Polska', Poland).

Salling Group acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Tesco Polska.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Salling Group: retail distribution by means of supermarkets, department stores, discount stores and hypermarkets for daily consumer goods, as well as online shops, coffee shops, restaurants and meal box business, active in Denmark, Germany and Poland (with Netto Sp. z o.o., a discount retailer of grocery and non-grocery goods),

— Tesco Polska: retail distribution of food and daily consumer products by means of a chain of stores comprising of hypermarkets and supermarkets located in Poland.

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.9886 – Salling Group/Tesco Polska

([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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