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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9202 — Bain Capital/Oscar Holding)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 5 December 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:

— Digital Auto Parts Holding ('DAPH', France), controlled by Bain Capital Investors, L.L.C. ('Bain Capital', USA),

— Oscar Holding SAS ('Oscaro', France).

DAPH acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of Oscaro.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for DAPH: wholesale distribution of spare parts and accessories for light vehicles and heavy goods vehicles to the independent aftermarket,

— for Oscaro: online retail distribution of spare parts and accessories for light vehicles mainly in France, and marginally in Spain, Belgium and Portugal.

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:

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([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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