Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9139 — Haier/Candy)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 8 November 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:

— Haier Europe Appliances Holding B.V (the Netherlands), controlled by Qingdao Haier Co. Ltd ('Haier', China)

— Candy S.p.A ('Candy', Italy)

Haier acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Candy.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Haier: manufacture and supply of consumer electronics and domestic appliances worldwide marketed through several main brands, including 'Haier', 'Casarte', 'GE Appliances', 'Fisher & Paykel', 'AQUA' and 'Leader'.

— for Candy: manufacture and supply of domestic appliances worldwide marketed through two main brands, 'Candy' and 'Hoover', and through national brands such as 'Rosières' (France) and 'Jinling' (China).

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.

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').