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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10179 — Tengelmann Warenhandelsgesellschaft/KiK Textilien und Non-Food)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2021/C 74/05)

1. On 23 February 2021, 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:

— Tengelmann International GmbH ('Tengelmann International', Germany), controlled by Tengelmann Warenhandelsgesellschaft KG ('Tengelmann', Germany),

— KiK Textilien und Non-Food GmbH (Germany, 'KiK' or the 'Target'), currently jointly controlled by Tengelmann and H.H. Holding, the latter ultimately controlled by Jost-Stefan Heinig.

Tengelmann acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of KiK.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Tengelmann is active worldwide as a retailer, supplying textiles, food products, real estate and e-commerce services, among others,

— KiK is active in retail, supplying textiles in particular, at over 3400 outlets in Germany, Croatia, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Slowakia, Slovenia, Czechia, and Hungary.

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.

([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').
([2]) OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

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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