PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9594 — CMA CGM/CIMC Neocontainer/JV)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 7 January 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:

— CMA CGM S.A. ('CMA CGM', France),

— China International Marine Containers Neocontainer Logistics,

Limited ('CIMC Neocontainer', China).

CMA CGM and CIMC Neocontainer acquire(s) within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the newly created joint venture (the 'JV').

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for CMA CGM: a player in container liner shipping activities and port terminal services. CMA CGM is also active, through its wholly owned subsidiary CEVA Logistics, on the market for freight forwarding and contract logistics services, and provides a limited range of ancillary supply chain management services through its wholly owned subsidiary CMA CGM Inland Services,

— for CIMC Neocontainer: a logistics company owned by CIMC Group, a comprehensive logistics service provider for logistics services and equipment operation services,

— for the JV: provision of services in container storage management, container handling and container repair, exclusively in Tianjin port in 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.

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.

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

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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Observations can be sent to the Commission by email, by fax, or by post. Please use the contact details below:

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