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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10460 – DMK/Uelzena/Niesky/Milchtrocknung Südhannover)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2021/C 418/13)

1. On 29 September 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:

— Molkerei Niesky GmbH ('Niesky', Germany), belonging to DMK Deutsches Milchkontor Gmbh ('DMK', Germany),

— Uelzena eG ('Uelzena', Germany),

— Milchtrocknung Südhannover eG ('MTS', Germany), currently controlled by DMK.

DMK and Uelzena acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the whole of MTS.

The concentration is accomplished by way of contract.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for DMK and Niesky: The manufacture and distribution of a diversified range of dairy products, including dairy products, cheese, whey based products, baby food, ice-cream, health products and milk-based ingredients for food production.

— for Uelzena: The manufacture and distribution of raw dairy materials, whey, butter, concentrated butter, milk powder, cheese, instant drinks, health products, fine foods, sweetened condensed milk and mixed fats.

— for MTS: The purchase of whey and whey concentrate, and its processing to whey protein concentrate and lactose.

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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