Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10062— SDK/Freja Transport&Logistics)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2020/C 415/14)

1. On 23 November 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:

— SDK A/S ('SDK', Denmark), part of the group A/S United Shipping & Trading Company ('USTC') and ultimately controlled by the Danish citizens Mr. Torben Østergaard Nielsen, Ms. Mia Østergaard Nielsen, and Ms. Nina Østergaard Borris;

— Freja Transport & Logistics Holding A/S ('FTL', Denmark), owned by JJH Invest ApS and AH Skive ApS and ultimately controlled by the Danish citizen Mr. Jørgen Jørgensen Hansen.

SDK acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of FTL. The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for SDK: shipping, logistics, chartering and other services to the cruise industry in Northern Europe including stevedoring, port agency, customs clearing, commercial chartering, freight forwarding services by road and sea and to a limited extent by air;

— for FTL: domestic and cross-border freight forwarding by land and to a limited extent by air and sea.

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

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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.