Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9712 – Mitsubishi/Wallenius Wilhelmsen/JV)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 21 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:

— Mitsubishi Corporation ('MC', Japan),

— Wallenius Wilhelmsen Inland Services Holding AS ('WWS', Norway), belonging to Wallenius Wilhelmsen ASA (Norway).

MC and WWS acquire within the meaning of Articles 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of a joint venture ('JV') incorporated in Thailand, which will engage in finished vehicle logistics in Thailand.

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 MC: develops and operates business across several industries including environmental and infrastructure business, industrial finance, energy, metals, machinery, chemicals and foods,

— for WWS: provides logistics solutions to manufacturers of cars, trucks and heavy equipment. WWS belongs to Wallenius Wilhelmsen, which is a provider of shipping and vehicle logistics, managing the distribution of cars, trucks, rolling equipment and breakbulk to customers all over the world.

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