Non-opposition to a notified concentration

(Case No IV/M.702 — Starck/Wienerberger)

(96/C 102/09)

(Text with EEA relevance)

On 1 March 1996, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6 (1) (b) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 [1]. Third parties showing a sufficient interest can obtain a copy of the decision by making a written request to:

European Commission,
Directorate-General for Competition (DG IV),
Directorate B — Merger Task Force,
Avenue de Cortenberg/Kortenberglaan 150,
B-1049 Brussels;
fax (32 2) 296 43 01.

[1] OJ No L 395, 30. 12. 1989; Corrigendum: OJ No L 257, 21. 9. 1990, p. 13.

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case No IV/M.737 — Sandoz/Ciba-Geigy)

(96/C 102/10)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 27 March 1996, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 [1] by which the undertakings Ciba-Geigy AG, Basle, and Sandoz AG, Basle, enter into a full merger within the meaning of Article 3 (1) (a) of that Council Regulation.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Ciba-Geigy AG: research in, development, manufacture and sale of pharmaceuticals, agrochemicals and industrial chemicals,

— Sandoz AG: research in, development, manufacture and sale of pharmaceuticals, agrochemicals, nutrition, building chemicals.

3. Upon preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified concentration could fall within the scope of Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.

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. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (fax No (32 2) 296 43 01/296 72 44) or by post, under reference number IV/M.737 — Sandoz/Ciba-Geigy, to the following address:

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