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Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.11664 – COMPASS / DR HOLDING)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 12 August 2024, 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:

— Compass Group PLC (the 'Compass'), incorporated in the United Kingdom;

— DR Holding ('DR Holding', France), controlled by Caisse Fédérale de Credit Mutuel (France).

Compass will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of DR Holding.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares and purchase of securities.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are the following:

— Compass provides outsourced foodservices and concession foodservices in multiple jurisdictions across the world, in particular in the United States and Europe,

— DR Holding is a holding company and the companies in its perimeter provide catering and foodservices mainly in France and to a lesser extent in Belgium.

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 treatment for certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 on the control of concentrations between undertakings ([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 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 160, 5.5.2023, p. 1.