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Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.11394 – PFEIFER & LANGEN IHKG GROUP / RÜGENWALDER)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 29 February 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:

— Pfeifer & Langen Industrie- und Handels-KG ('Pfeifer & Langen', Germany),

— Rügenwalder Mühle Carl Müller GmbH & Co. KG and RM Vermögensverwaltungs GmbH & Co. KG ('Rügenwalder', Germany).

Pfeifer & Langen will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Rügenwalder.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

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

— Pfeifer & Langen is mainly active in the production and distribution of industrial and retail sugar, savoury snacks, meat, and fish substitutes, as well as beverages within and outside the EEA,

— Rügenwalder is mainly active in the production and distribution of processed meat and meat substitutes within and outside the EEA.

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.

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