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(Announcements)

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8885 — Carlyle/Accolade Wines Holdings Australia/Accolade Wines Holdings Europe)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2018/C 143/05)

1. On 13 April 2018, 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:

— Carlyle Asia Partners IV, L.P., belonging to the the Carlyle Group,

— Accolade Wines Holdings Australia Pty Ltd, controlled by CHAMP III Management Pty Ltd,

— Accolade Wines Holdings Europe Limited, controlled by CHAMP III Management Pty Ltd.

Carlyle group acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Accolade Wines Holdings Australia Pty Ltd and Accolade Wines Holdings Europe Limited (together — the Accolade Group).

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for the Carlyle Group: global alternative asset management,

— for Accolade: production, marketing and sale predominantly at wholesale level of wine and wine products.

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:

M.8885 — Carlyle/Accolade Wines Holdings Australia/Accolade Wines Holdings Europe

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

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