Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9747 — Lagardère Travel Retail/BTA/JV)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 6 March 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:

— Lagardère Travel Retail S.A.S. ('Lagardère', France), belonging to the Lagardère group (France),

— BTA Havalimanlari Yiyecek Ve Icecek Hizmetleri A.S. ('BTA', Turkey), belonging to the Aéroports de Paris group ('ADP', France).

Lagardère and BTA acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of a joint venture company which is yet to be established in Jordan.

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 undertaking Lagardère: offers travel retail and food services and is currently active in 39 countries worldwide, including Europe and the Middle-East. Lagardère is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Lagardère SCA, the ultimate parent company of the French Lagardère group that is listed on the Paris Stock Exchange,

— for undertaking BTA: offers food and beverage services at airports and sea lines in nine countries in Europe and the Middle-East. It belongs to Aéroport de Paris SA's group of companies that is incorporated in France and listed on the Paris Stock Exchange,

— for the newly created joint venture: active in the operation of foodservices and travel retail services concessions at airports in Jordan, notably at Queen Alia International Airport in Amman.

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.

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