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Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.11563 – MSC / CLASQUIN)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 2 September 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:

— SAS Lux Shipping Agencies Services S.à.r.l. ('SAS Lux', Luxembourg), indirectly controlled by MSC Mediterranean Shipping Company Holding SA ('MSC', Switzerland), the head entity of the MSC Group,

— Clasquin S.A. ('Clasquin', France).

The MSC Group, through its subsidiary SAS Lux, will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of Clasquin.

The concentration is accomplished in two successive stages by way of purchase of shares on the one hand and, on the other hand, by way of a public bid to purchase the remaining shares.

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

— the MSC Group, a global operator in the container shipping, port handling and logistics sector, on the one hand, and in the maritime passenger transport sector, on the other hand,

— Clasquin, active primarily in the cross-border freight forwarding sector, providing international air, sea and land freight solutions for various types of goods.

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.

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').