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Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.11448 – AGROFERT / EAST GRAIN GROUP)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 12 April 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:

— Agrofert, a.s. ('Agrofert', Czechia),

— East Grain SRL, ('East Grain', Romania).

Agrofert acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1), point (b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of East Grain.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

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

— Agrofert is engaged in activities relating to agriculture, food production, sale and distribution of agricultural machinery, manufacture of fertilizers and products of organic and inorganic chemistry, as well as activities relating to the forestry industry and media.

— East Grain offers a complex portfolio of agricultural products and related services to customers in Central and Eastern Europe, with a focus on the trade of milling wheat.

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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([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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