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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8524 — Advent International Corporation/Industrial Parts Holding)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2017/C 259/04)

1. On 1 August 2017, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 [1] by which the undertaking Advent International Corporation (USA) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Industrial Parts Holding (France) by way of a purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— For Advent International Corporation: private equity investment, focused on the acquisition of equity stakes and the management of investment funds in various sectors, including business and financial services; industrial goods and services; retail operations, branded consumer goods, and leisure services; media, telecommunications, and information technology; and healthcare services and pharmaceuticals.

— For Industrial Parts Holding: distribution of industrial parts by providing a logistic link between suppliers and customers in Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Spain and Switzerland through ten autonomous commercial networks.

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 this 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. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (+32 22964301), by email to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference M.8524 — Advent International Corporation/Industrial Parts Holding, to the following address:

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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.