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Sonoco Products Company
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Hartsville, South Carolina 29550
United States of America

Subject: **Case M.11637 – SONOCO / EVIOSYS**
Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004[1] and Article 57 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area[2]

Dear Sir or Madam,

(1) On 27 September 2024, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertaking Sonoco Products Company ('Sonoco', United States) intends to acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the Eviosys Group ('Eviosys', Switzerland), by way of purchase of shares.[3]

(2) The business activities of the undertakings concerned are the following:

– Sonoco is a global manufacturer of industrial and consumer packaging products, including in particular composite cans and rigid paper containers. In Europe, it is mostly active in consumer and industrial plastics, composite (paper-based) cans and, to a limited extent, standalone metal can ends,

– Eviosys activities are across metal food packaging solutions, closures, promotional metal packaging designs, and tinplate aerosol cans. In Europe, it is active in packaging for food and promotional cans, standalone can ends, and aerosols.

(3) After examination of the notification, the European Commission has concluded that the notified operation falls within the scope of the Merger Regulation and of

1 OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation'). With effect from 1 December 2009, the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ('TFEU') has introduced certain changes, such as the replacement of 'Community' by 'Union' and 'common market' by 'internal market'. The terminology of the TFEU will be used throughout this decision.

2 OJ L 1, 3.1.1994, p. 3 (the 'EEA Agreement').

3 OJ C, C/2024/6034, 8.10.2024.

paragraph 5 (d) of the Commission Notice on a simplified treatment for certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.[4]

(4) For the reasons set out in the Notice on a simplified treatment, the European Commission has decided not to oppose the notified operation and to declare it compatible with the internal market and with the EEA Agreement. This decision is adopted in application of Article 6(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation and Article 57 of the EEA Agreement.

For the Commission

(Signed)
Olivier GUERSENT
Director-General

4 OJ C 160, 5.5.2023, p. 1 (the 'Notice on a simplified treatment').