Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10849 – HUK / BRI / LNN / PITSTOP)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2022/C 307/08)

1. On 4 August 2022, 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:

— HUK-Coburg Haftpflicht-Unterstützungs-Kasse kraftfahrender Beamter Deutschlands a.G. ('HUK', Germany),

— LNN Flug GmbH ('LNN', Germany), solely owned by Mr. Stefan Kulas,

— Bridgestone Europe NV/AS ('BRI', Belgium), the European subsidiary of Bridgestone Corporation ('Bridgestone', Japan),

— pitstop.de GmbH ('pitstop', Germany).

HUK, BRI and LNN will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the whole of pitstop.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

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

— HUK is an insurance company with a focus on motor vehicle insurance,

— LNN is active in airplane charter,

— BRI mainly supplies new tyres to automotive manufacturers and tyre retailers. Additionally, subsidiaries of BRI are active in the area of repair and maintenance of automotive vehicles in Europe,

— pitstop offers typical workshop services in the field of motor vehicle services such as inspections, maintenance and repairs of all kinds.

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 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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Observations can be sent to the Commission by email, by fax, or by post. Please use the contact details below:

([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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