PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.10162 - AmerisourceBergen/parts of Walgreens Boots Alliance's Pharmaceutical Business)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2021/C 132/07)

1. On 7 April 2021, 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:

— AmerisourceBergen Corporation ('AmerisourceBergen', USA),

— Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc.'s (i) wholesale pharmaceutical businesses in Algeria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Egypt, France, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Turkey, the UAE and the UK and (ii) retail pharmaceutical business in the Netherlands, Norway, and Lithuania ('the Target', the Netherlands).

AmerisourceBergen acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of the Target.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for AmerisourceBergen: pharmaceutical distribution and services;

— for the Target: wholesale and retail of pharmaceuticals and logistics.

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 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 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

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