Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9340 — Alliance Automotive Group/PartsPoint Group)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2019/C 130/09)

1. On 1 April 2019, 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:

— Alliance Automotive Holding Limited ('AAG', United Kingdom),

— PartsPoint Group B.V. ('PPG', the Netherlands).

AAG acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of PPG. The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for AAG: wholesale distribution of light vehicle and heavy commercial vehicle parts to the automotive aftermarket in France, Germany, the United Kingdom and Poland. In France, AAG is also to active at the retail level,

— for PPG: wholesale distribution of spare parts and accessories for light vehicles in Belgium and the Netherlands.

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

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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.