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IV

(Notices)

NOTICES FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS, BODIES, OFFICES AND AGENCIES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Interest rate applied by the European Central Bank to its main refinancing operations ⁽¹⁾:**0,00 % on 1 May 2018****Euro exchange rates ⁽²⁾****2 May 2018**

(2018/C 155/01)

1 euro =

Currency	Exchange rate	Currency	Exchange rate		
USD	US dollar	1,2007	CAD	Canadian dollar	1,5401
JPY	Japanese yen	131,84	HKD	Hong Kong dollar	9,4250
DKK	Danish krone	7,4488	NZD	New Zealand dollar	1,7103
GBP	Pound sterling	0,88040	SGD	Singapore dollar	1,6025
SEK	Swedish krona	10,6174	KRW	South Korean won	1 291,54
CHF	Swiss franc	1,1957	ZAR	South African rand	15,1336
ISK	Iceland króna	122,20	CNY	Chinese yuan renminbi	7,6353
NOK	Norwegian krone	9,6958	HRK	Croatian kuna	7,4110
BGN	Bulgarian lev	1,9558	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	16 762,27
CZK	Czech koruna	25,601	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	4,7223
HUF	Hungarian forint	314,04	PHP	Philippine peso	62,301
PLN	Polish zloty	4,2755	RUB	Russian rouble	76,4000
RON	Romanian leu	4,6635	THB	Thai baht	38,092
TRY	Turkish lira	4,9813	BRL	Brazilian real	4,2293
AUD	Australian dollar	1,5987	MXN	Mexican peso	22,7479
			INR	Indian rupee	80,0455

⁽¹⁾ Rate applied to the most recent operation carried out before the indicated day. In the case of a variable rate tender, the interest rate is the marginal rate.

⁽²⁾ Source: reference exchange rate published by the ECB.

New national side of euro coins intended for circulation

(2018/C 155/02)

*National side of the new commemorative 2-euro coin intended for circulation and issued by Belgium*

Euro coins intended for circulation have legal tender status throughout the euro area. For the purpose of informing the public and all parties who handle the coins, the Commission publishes a description of the designs of all new coins ⁽¹⁾. In accordance with the Council conclusions of 10 February 2009 ⁽²⁾, euro-area Member States and countries that have concluded a monetary agreement with the European Union providing for the issuance of euro coins are authorised to issue commemorative euro coins intended for circulation, provided that certain conditions are met, one of these being that only the 2-euro denomination is used. These coins have the same technical characteristics as other 2-euro coins, but their national face features a commemorative design that is highly symbolic in national or European terms.

Issuing country: Belgium

Subject of commemoration: The 50th anniversary of May 1968 events in Belgium

Description of the design: The design represents students with a pamphlet and flag in their hands and refers to student demonstrations that took place in Belgium in connection with the sociocultural changes of May 1968. It was an important national event that shaped Belgium's national politics and influenced subsequent Government reforms, now 50 years ago.

The mintmark of Utrecht (the Mercury's wand) is located on the left together with the Belgian mint master mark (the coat of arms of the municipality Herzele). The year mark 2018 and the country code BE are located at the left as well, just like the initials LL of the designer of the coin, Mr Luc Luycx.

An auditorium marks the back, which is a reference to students.

The coin's outer ring depicts the 12 stars of the European flag.

Number of coins to be issued: 260 000 coins

Date of issue: May/June 2018

⁽¹⁾ See OJ C 373, 28.12.2001, p. 1 for the national faces of all the coins issued in 2002.

⁽²⁾ See the conclusions of the Economic and Financial Affairs Council of 10 February 2009 and the Commission Recommendation of 19 December 2008 on common guidelines for the national sides and the issuance of euro coins intended for circulation (OJ L 9, 14.1.2009, p. 52).

New national side of euro coins intended for circulation

(2018/C 155/03)



National side of the new commemorative 2-euro coin intended for circulation and issued by France

Euro coins intended for circulation have legal tender status throughout the euro area. For the purpose of informing the public and all parties who handle the coins, the Commission publishes a description of the designs of all new coins ⁽¹⁾. In accordance with the Council conclusions of 10 February 2009 ⁽²⁾, euro-area Member States and countries that have concluded a monetary agreement with the European Union providing for the issuing of euro coins are allowed to issue commemorative euro coins intended for circulation, provided that certain conditions are met, particularly that only the 2-euro denomination is used. These coins have the same technical characteristics as other 2-euro coins, but their national face features a commemorative design that is highly symbolic in national or European terms.

Issuing country: France

Subject of commemoration: Simone Veil

Description of the design: The design displays a portrait of Simone Veil, an icon in the combat for women's rights. Simone Veil, born Jacob, left us in June 2017 at the age of 89. After surviving deportation to Auschwitz, she went on to become one of the most important actors in Europe's building. She was the first elected president of the European Parliament from 1979 to 1982. She symbolizes the depenalization of abortion she fought for with the law bearing her name voted in 1975. In 2008, she is elected at the French Academy.

Her deportation registration number appears on her collar. The background depicts the European Parliament on which her name, key dates, indication of the country 'RF', year of issuance '2018' and the mintmarks are inscribed.

The coin's outer ring depicts the 12 stars of the European flag.

Number of coins to be issued: 15 million coins

Date of issue: May/June 2018

⁽¹⁾ See OJ C 373, 28.12.2001, p. 1 for the national faces of all the coins issued in 2002.

⁽²⁾ See the conclusions of the Economic and Financial Affairs Council of 10 February 2009 and the Commission Recommendation of 19 December 2008 on common guidelines for the national sides and the issuance of euro coins intended for circulation (OJ L 9, 14.1.2009, p. 52).

NOTICES CONCERNING THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA

EFTA SURVEILLANCE AUTHORITY

RULES OF PROCEDURE**Adopted 7 January 1994** ⁽¹⁾**Recast 19 December 2017** ⁽²⁾

(2018/C 155/04)

THE ORGANISATION OF THE EFTA SURVEILLANCE AUTHORITY*Article 1***College**

The Members of the EFTA Surveillance Authority shall act collectively in accordance with the present rules and, in so acting, constitute the College.

The functioning of the Authority shall be governed by the principle of collegiality, based on the equal participation of the College Members in the adoption of decisions. Decisions shall be the subject of collective deliberation and all the College Members shall bear collective responsibility for all decisions adopted.

The protocol order of the College shall be headed by the President, followed by the Members according to their length of service. Members with equal length of service shall take precedence according to age.

*Article 2***President**

The President shall represent the Authority as a whole publicly while respecting the principle of collegiality.

The President shall oversee the administration of the Authority and is empowered to enter into contracts and otherwise bind the Authority to enable it to function, without however impinging on the powers and functions conferred on the Authority by the EEA Agreement and the Agreement between the EFTA States on the establishment of a Surveillance Authority and a Court of Justice ('SCA'), in particular Article 5 SCA.

The President shall keep College apprised of his/her general approach as well as of individual issues of concern to other College Members. He/she shall act with due regard to views expressed by other College Members and in conformity with guidelines, policies and procedures laid down by College in accordance with Article 16.

*Article 3***Portfolios**

The College shall assign to each Member responsibility for the preparation and implementation of its decisions in particular fields of the EEA Agreement ('portfolios'). Members shall regularly report on and make proposals to College concerning enforcement policy in the fields for which they have responsibility and shall lead the Authority's public communication in those fields.

Portfolios shall be assigned by consensus upon the appointment of one or more new College Members. The assignment shall be re-examined at least every two years, or upon the request of a College Member. If no consensus is reached, the assignment shall remain unchanged, Members retaining their existing portfolios or taking over those assigned to their predecessor (the College Member whose appointment was previously proposed by the Government of the same EFTA State).

⁽¹⁾ Doc No 186989.

⁽²⁾ College Decision No 217/17/COL.

Article 4

Departments

In the performance of its functions, the College shall be assisted by four departments, namely Internal Market Affairs, Competition & State Aid, Legal & Executive Affairs and Administration. The departments shall work in close cooperation.

Each of the departments shall be headed by a Director, who shall be appointed by and accountable to the College as a whole for the actions of his/her department. Directors shall manage their departments in accordance with any policies, procedures and guidelines laid down by the College and shall report to the College regularly as requested. Where responsibility for the preparation and implementation of decisions in particular fields of the EEA Agreement has been assigned to a particular College Member, the Director concerned shall take his/her instructions from that Member.

Before submitting a proposal for a decision to the College, the department preparing the proposal shall consult all other departments which are concerned in the matter. The Director of Legal & Executive Affairs shall be consulted on proposals for legal instruments and measures which may have legal implications. The Director of Administration shall be consulted on proposals which may affect the administration of the Authority, in particular through human resources management or budgetary implications. Any disagreement between departments shall be recorded when submitting the proposal to the College.

The College may set up interdepartmental working groups and other structures to deal with particular matters. It shall appoint the chairperson of any such group and determine the mandate and method of operation of the group.

Article 5

Deputising

If the President is prevented from exercising his/her functions, they shall be exercised, during the first six months of the year, by the second most senior Member in the protocol order and, during the second six months of the year, by the third most senior Member. This shall include the exercise of the functions incumbent upon the President in his/her capacity as College Member.

If a College Member is prevented from exercising his/her functions, they shall be exercised by the next following Member in the protocol order or, in the case of the most junior Member, by the immediately preceding Member, able to exercise his/her functions.

If a Director is prevented from exercising his/her functions, they shall be exercised by subordinate officials in the order laid down by the Director. Directors shall inform the Director of Legal & Executive Affairs of the order applicable.

Article 6

Recusal of College Members

Without prejudice to Article 9(3) SCA, if a College Member considers that, in order to ensure that the independence of the Authority remains beyond doubt, it would be opportune for him/her not to take part in the deliberations or decisions in all or part of a particular matter, he/she may recuse him/herself.

The College Member shall in that event inform the Director of Legal & Executive Affairs of his/her decision. The Director of Legal & Executive Affairs shall forthwith inform the other College Members as well as any members of staff concerned, and shall take all necessary measures to ensure that the College Member having recused him/herself is no longer involved in the matter concerned.

If the College Member recusing him/herself considers it in the interests of the Authority or the proper functioning of the EEA Agreement that he/she be replaced by an *ad hoc* College Member for the purposes of the matter, he/she shall propose to the other College Members that they replace him/her in accordance with Article 9(3) SCA.

DECISIONS OF THE EFTA SURVEILLANCE AUTHORITY

Article 7

Types of Decision

In the exercise of the powers and functions conferred on the Authority by the EEA Agreement and the SCA, in particular Article 5 SCA, the Authority shall take decisions:

- (a) at meetings of the College in accordance with Articles 8-11;

(b) by written procedure in accordance with Article 12;

(c) by delegation in accordance with Article 13.

Article 8

College Meetings

Meetings of the College shall be convened by the President. The College shall, as a general rule, meet once a week. Additional meetings shall be held whenever necessary.

The President shall take the chair at meetings.

Two Members present shall constitute a quorum. For a decision to be adopted, at least two votes in favour of the decision shall be required.

Article 9

College Meeting Agenda

The President shall issue a draft agenda for each meeting. Any item put forward by a Member for inclusion shall be placed on the draft agenda. Likewise, any item that is still pending more than six months after approval by the Director of Legal & Executive Affairs shall be placed on the draft agenda.

Unless otherwise decided, the draft agenda and the necessary working documents shall be distributed to the Members at least three working days before the day of the meeting.

If requested by a Member, the discussion of an item on the draft agenda shall once be deferred by one meeting, unless the deferment would, due to binding time limits, prevent the College from taking an effective decision on the matter.

The College may decide unanimously, with the express agreement of any College Member unable to be present, to discuss and decide a matter which is not on the draft agenda or in respect of which the necessary working documents have been distributed after the stipulated time limit.

The College, having before it the draft agenda and any requests for amendments thereto, shall approve the agenda at the meeting.

Article 10

Attendance at College Meetings

Meetings of the College shall not be public. Deliberations shall be and shall remain confidential.

The Director of Legal & Executive Affairs shall attend all meetings. The Directors of departments responsible for preparing draft decisions included in the draft agenda shall, and other Directors may, attend meetings unless College decides otherwise.

The President may, on his/her own initiative or at the request of a Member, invite certain officials of the Authority to attend the whole or part of a meeting and to speak.

When the Authority is required to, or has committed itself to, allowing representatives from another institution, agency or other body to be present at College meetings where certain types of decision are adopted, that institution, agency or other body shall be invited to be represented at any such meeting or the relevant part thereof.

The College may invite any other person to attend the whole or part of a meeting and to speak.

Article 11

Minutes of College Meetings

Minutes shall be taken of all meetings of the College.

The minutes shall be authenticated by the signature of the President and counter-signed by the Director of Legal & Executive Affairs.

*Article 12***Decisions by Written Procedure**

On the proposal of a Member, the College may take a decision by means of a written procedure. Any Member may, in the course of the written procedure, request that the proposal be discussed at a College meeting. In such case, the matter shall be placed on the draft agenda of the next College meeting.

The text of the proposed decision shall be distributed to all Members indicating a proposed date for adoption.

The proposal shall be deemed to be agreed to by the College on the proposed date provided, either

- the proposed date is at least three working days after the distribution of the proposal, it is established that the distribution is known to all College Members, at least two College Members have expressed their approval of the proposal, and no request has been made that the proposal be discussed at a College meeting, or
- all College Members have expressed their approval.

The decision shall be recorded in the minutes of the next College meeting.

*Article 13***Delegated Decisions**

Subject to the principle of collegiate responsibility being respected in full, the College may empower a College Member to take, in its name and subject to its control, clearly circumscribed decisions in the fields for which they have been assigned responsibility pursuant to Article 3 and to adopt the definitive text of a decision the substance of which has been determined by the College.

During periods when a sufficient number of College Members to constitute a quorum are not on duty, one or more College Members may be authorised to take any urgent decision that may be required.

Officials may be empowered to take clearly circumscribed measures of management or administration.

Notwithstanding a delegation of decision-making powers, the College in any case retains the right to take any decision itself. Furthermore, the responsible College Member may decide not to exercise the powers delegated and may instead refer the adoption of the decision to the full College. Decisions identified by any College Member as being of particular importance or interest shall in any case be referred to the full College.

The Director of Legal & Executive Affairs shall regularly inform College of the decisions adopted under powers conferred by a delegation decision and cause them to be taken note of at a College Meeting.

Powers conferred in accordance with this article shall only be exercised with the approval of the Director of Legal & Executive Affairs and may not be sub-delegated, except to the extent expressly laid down in the delegation decision.

*Article 14***Procedure**

The Director of Legal & Executive Affairs shall assist the President in preparing the meetings of the College, in implementing the decision making procedures and in ensuring, where applicable, the communication and publication of decisions of the Authority.

To this end he/she shall ensure that the rules are complied with regarding preparation and submission of documents which the Members are to consider and shall, where applicable, take the necessary steps to ensure official notification of decisions of the Authority and their publication in the EEA Section of and the EEA Supplement to the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

*Article 15***Authentication**

Legal instruments adopted by the College, at a meeting or by written procedure, shall be authenticated in the language or languages in which they are to be authentic by the signature of the President and the counter-signature of the Director of Legal & Executive Affairs.

Legal instruments adopted by delegation procedure shall be authenticated in the language or languages in which they are to be authentic by the signature of the Member empowered, and the counter-signature of the Director of Legal & Executive Affairs.

In the circumscribed instances where an official has been empowered to adopt legal instruments, these are authenticated by the simple signature of that official.

Electronic signatures shall be used wherever possible.

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

Article 16

Management and Administrative Decisions

Management and administrative decisions of the Authority concerning the appointment of officials, the conclusion of contracts and other matters not impinging on the powers and functions conferred on the Authority by the EEA Agreement and the SCA, and in particular Article 5 SCA, shall be taken by the competent Director under the authority of the President and in accordance with policies, procedures and guidelines laid down by the College.

Any decisions regarding the management and administration of the Authority which are liable to have an impact on the ability of the Authority to ensure the proper functioning of the EEA Agreement, such as the appointment of Directors, as well as any changes in the structure, resource allocation or respective responsibilities of the Authority's departments shall only be taken by College as a whole acting by consensus.

The Directors shall be accountable to College for their decisions and report to College as a whole as requested. The College shall, as necessary, lay down rules, guidelines, policies and procedures to give effect to these Rules of Procedure and to provide direction for the management and administration of the Authority as a whole.

The President shall convene Management Meetings at regular intervals at which Directors report to and receive guidance from College on the management and functioning of their departments.

Directors shall regularly consult the Director of Administration concerning the management of their departments regarding human resources, financial, information technology, security and other administrative matters.

FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 17

Entry into Force

These Rules of Procedure shall enter into force on 1 January 2018.

Article 18

Repeal

The Rules of Procedure of 7 January 1994, as amended, are repealed and replaced simultaneously to the entry into force of these Rules of Procedure.

All decisions adopted under previous Rules of Procedure shall remain unaffected.

Article 19

Publication

These Rules of Procedure, which are authentic in the English language, shall be published in the EEA Section of and the EEA Supplement to the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

EFTA SECRETARIAT

List of natural mineral waters recognised by Iceland and Norway

(Annuls and replaces the text published in OJ C 137, 16.5.2013, p. 4 and EEA Supplement No 27, 16.5.2013, p. 7.)

(2018/C 155/05)

In accordance with Article 1 of Directive 2009/54/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2009 on the exploitation and marketing of natural mineral waters ⁽¹⁾, as incorporated in point 54zzzzd of Chapter XII of Annex II of the EEA Agreement, a list of recognised natural mineral waters shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* and the EEA Supplement thereto.

List of natural mineral waters recognised by Iceland

Trade Name	Name of source	Place of exploitation
Icelandic Glacial	Ölfus Spring	Hlíðarendi, Ölfus, Selfoss

List of natural mineral waters recognised by Norway

Trade Name	Name of source	Place of exploitation
Bonaqua Silver	Telemark kilden	Fyresdal
Eira	Eira kilden	Eresfjord
Farris	Kong Olavs kilde	Larvik
Isbre	Isbre kilden	Buhaugen, Osa, Ulvik
Isklar	Isklar kildene	Vikebygd i Ullensvang
Modal	Modal kilden	Fyresdal
Olden	Blåfjell kilden	Olderdalen
Osa	Osa kilden	Ulvik/Hardanger
Rustad Spring	Rustad kilden	Rustad/Elverum
Snåsa	Snåsakilden	Snåsa
Voss Sparkling	Vosskilden	Vatnestrøm/Iveland

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 164, 26.6.2009, p. 45.

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(Announcements)

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Calls for proposals under the work programme for grants in the field of the trans-European telecommunication networks under the Connecting Europe Facility for the period 2014-2020**(Commission Implementing Decision C(2018) 568)**

(2018/C 155/06)

The European Commission, Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology, is hereby launching the following five calls for proposals in order to award grants to projects in accordance with the priorities and objectives defined in the 2018 Work Programme in the field of the trans-European telecommunication networks under the Connecting Europe Facility for the period 2014-2020.

Proposals are invited under the following three calls:

CEF-TC-2018-2: Automated Translation

CEF-TC-2018-2: eDelivery

CEF-TC-2018-2: eInvoicing

The combined total indicative budget available for proposals selected under these three calls is EUR 10,5 million.

The deadline for the submission of proposals to these three calls is **18 September 2018**.

Proposals are also invited for the following call:

CEF-TC-2018-5: Public Open Data

The total indicative budget available for proposals selected under this call is EUR 18,5 million.

For this call, the deadline for the submission of proposals is **15 November 2018**.

In addition, proposals are invited for the following call:

CEF-TC-2018-3: Cyber Security

The total indicative budget available for proposals selected under this call is EUR 13 million.

For this call, the deadline for the submission of proposals is **22 November 2018**.

The respective call documentation is available on the CEF Telecom website:

<https://ec.europa.eu/inea/en/connecting-europe-facility/cef-telecom/apply-funding/2018-cef-telecom-calls-proposals>

Disclosure of the material parts of the bankruptcy decision and insolvency declaration within the meaning of Section 370 of Act No 182/2006 on bankruptcy and procedures for handling it (the Insolvency Act) ('extract of the judgment')

Invitation to lodge a claim — Time limits to be observed

Invitation to oppose a claim — Time limits to be observed

(2018/C 155/07)

Identification of the debtor: ERB bank, a.s., in liquidation, a public limited company incorporated and existing under Czech law, having its registered office at Čechyňská 419/14a, Trnitá, 602 00 Brno, Czech Republic, ID No: 284 28 943, entered in the commercial register kept by Prague Municipal Court, section B, entry 14463.

Identification of the insolvency court: Brno regional court, having its registered address at Rooseveltova 648/16, 602 00 Brno, Czech Republic.

Identification of the liquidator: Jiřina Lužová, lawyer, having her registered address at Dušní 866/22, 110 00 Prague 1, Czech Republic, ID No: 44686650, email: ak@akluzova.cz, telephone number +420 222327902.

On 19 March 2018, Brno regional court issued decision No KSBR 33 INS 19795/2017-A-22, which, among other things, in accordance with Czech law (Act No 182/2006 on bankruptcy and procedures for handling it (the Insolvency Act), as amended):

- (a) declared bankrupt the debtor ERB bank, a.s., in liquidation, a public limited company incorporated and existing under Czech law, having its registered office at Čechyňská 419/14a, Trnitá, 602 00 Brno, Czech Republic, ID No: 284 28 943, entered in the commercial register kept by Prague Municipal Court, section B, entry 14463 (**the Debtor**); and
- (b) declared insolvency in respect of the assets of the Debtor (**the decision**).

The decision also appointed Jiřina Lužová, lawyer, having her registered address at Dušní 866/22, 110 00 Prague 1, Czech Republic, ID No: 44686650, as liquidator for the Debtor.

Claims by creditors as shown in the Debtor's accounts shall be considered lodged. Creditors will be notified individually of this fact within 60 days of the insolvency declaration. The deadline for this shall be 18 May 2018.

A creditor who disagrees with the amount or nature of their claim as set out in the notification pursuant to the preceding paragraph may lodge an objection in writing with the liquidator within four months of the date of the insolvency declaration; failure to do so shall imply the creditor's agreement with the contents of the notification. The deadline for this shall be 19 July 2018. A creditor with his or her registered address, office, domicile or usual place of residence in a Member State of the European Union or of the European Economic Area may lodge an objection in the official language of that State. The objection must be headed *Podání námítky proti výši pohledávky* ('Objection to the amount of a claim'] in the Czech language. If the content of the objection is clear to the liquidator, she shall take it into account, even if it does not bear the header. The liquidator shall not be obliged to take a subsequent objection into account, unless it is clear that it was delivered in good time to the authority responsible for serving it. The liquidator may require a creditor to submit a translation of the objection into Czech.

Within three months of the publication of this extract of the judgment in the *Official Journal of the European Union*, a creditor may lodge an objection to the effect that he or she has not received a notification from the liquidator pursuant to Section 373(2) of the Insolvency Act. The objection shall state the amount of the claim against the Debtor at the date of the insolvency declaration in respect of the Debtor's assets. The objection shall be accompanied by officially certified copies of any documentation confirming the alleged amount, the date of onset and the nature of the claim, and in particular whether the claim is one against the insolvency estate (Section 168 Insolvency Act), is equivalent to one against the insolvency estate (Section 169 Insolvency Act), is a claim with entitlement to satisfaction from collateral security, is a claim otherwise secured, or is a subsidiary claim (Section 172(2) Insolvency Act), and shall state any reservation of title. A creditor with his or her registered address, office, domicile or usual place of residence in a Member State of the European Union or of the European Economic Area may lodge an objection in the official language of that State. The objection must be headed *Přihláška pohledávky* ('Lodgement of claim') in Czech. If the content of the objection

is clear to the liquidator, she shall take it into account, even if it does not bear the header. The liquidator shall not be obliged to take a subsequent objection into account, unless it is clear that it was delivered in good time to the authority responsible for serving it. The liquidator may require a creditor to submit a translation of the objection into Czech.

Jiřina Lužová, lawyer, liquidator for ERB bank, a.s., in liquidation

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration **(Case M.8895 — 3i/FSI/Hermes/Scandlines)**

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2018/C 155/08)

1. On 25 April 2018, 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:

- 3i Group plc ('3i', UK),
- First State Investments International Limited ('FSI', Australia),
- Hermes GPE LLP, belonging to Hermes Investment Management Group ('Hermes', UK),
- Scandlines Holding ApS ('Scandlines', Denmark).

3i, FSI and Hermes acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Scandlines.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for 3i: international investor and investment management business focused on midmarket private equity and infrastructure investments,
- for FSI: asset management division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia,
- for Hermes: UK investment manager specialising in developing bespoke and diversified private equity and infrastructure portfolios on behalf of its clients,
- for Scandlines: provision of ferry services for passengers and freight on two short-distance routes between Germany and Denmark.

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:

M.8895 — 3i/FSI/Hermes/Scandlines

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').

⁽²⁾ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

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

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Prior notification of a concentration**(Case M.8833 — Alps/Alpine)****Candidate case for simplified procedure****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2018/C 155/09)

1. On 25 April 2018, 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:

- Alps Electric Co., Ltd ('Alps', Japan),
- Alpine Electronics, Inc. ('Alpine', Japan).

Alps acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Alpine.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Alps: the development, manufacture and sale of a wide range of electronic components used in a variety of applications such as automotive, household, healthcare, energy, and IT applications,
- for Alpine: the development, manufacture and sale of car infotainment systems (including its constituent components of car navigation, audio and visual systems), car sound systems, drive assist systems, and car information and telecommunication applications.

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.

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