

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.4294 — Arcelor/SNCFL/CFL Cargo)

(2006/C 204/10)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 21 August 2006, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertaking Arcelor Profil Luxembourg S.A. ('Arcelor Profil', Luxembourg) belonging to the Arcelor group and the Société Nationale des Chemins de Fer Luxembourgeois ('SNCFL', Luxembourg) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation joint control of the undertaking CFL Cargo S.A. ('CFL Cargo', Luxembourg) by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for undertaking Arcelor Profil: producer and distributor of long carbon steel products;
- for undertaking SNCFL: provider of railway services.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.

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. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (fax No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.4294 — Arcelor/SNCFL/CFL Cargo, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.