

***Case No COMP/M.3010 -
CANDOVER
INVESTMENTS /
ONTEX***

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**REGULATION (EEC) No 4064/89
MERGER PROCEDURE**

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION
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MERGER PROCEDURE
ARTICLE 6(1)(b) DECISION

SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE

PUBLIC VERSION

To the notifying party

Dear Sirs,

**Subject: Case No COMP/M.3010 – Candover Investments/Ontex
Notification of 29.11.2002 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC)
No. 4064/89¹
Publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities No. C 303,
06/12/2002, page 8**

1. On 29/11/2002, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 by which the British undertaking Candover Partners Limited (“Candover”) belonging to the British group Candover Investment plc, acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation sole control of the Belgian undertaking Ontex NV (“Ontex”) by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - Candover: fund management services as well as provision of investment management advice and services to third investment funds;
 - Ontex: development, production and sale of “private label” hygiene products for third parties and “own proprietary brand” hygiene products.

¹ OJ L 395, 30.12.1989 p. 1; corrected version OJ L 257 of 21.9.1990, p. 13, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97, OJ L 180, 9.7.1997, p. 1, corrigendum in OJ L 40, 13.2.1998, p. 17.

3. After examination of the notification, the Commission has concluded that the notified operation falls within the scope of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 4064/89 and of paragraph 4, subparagraph b of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89².
4. For the reasons set out in the Notice on a simplified procedure, the Commission has decided not to oppose the notified operation and to declare it compatible with the common market and with the EEA Agreement. This decision is adopted in application of Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 4064/89.

For the Commission
Mario MONTI
Member of the Commission

² OJ C 217, 29.07.2000, p. 32.