

***Case No COMP/M.4136 -
DEUTSCHE POST /
WILLIAMS LEA***

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**REGULATION (EC) No 139/2004
MERGER PROCEDURE**

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

SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE

To the notifying party

Dear Madam(s) and/or Sir(s),

**Subject: Case No. COMP/M.4136 - Deutsche Post/Williams Lea.
Notification of 10.02.2006 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004¹.
Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No. C 43 of 21.02.2006, page 2.**

1. On 10.02.2006, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004 by which the undertaking Deutsche Post AG (DPAG, Germany) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of Williams Lea Ltd (Williams Lea, UK) by way of purchase of shares.

The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for undertaking DPAG: national postal service in Germany; multinational group offering a comprehensive range of mail, express, logistics and financial services.
- for undertaking Williams Lea: document and print related services in Europe, the US and Asia.

¹ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004 p. 1

2. After examination of the notification, the Commission has concluded that the notified operation falls within the scope of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004 and of paragraph 5, subparagraph c of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004².
3. 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 (EC) No. 139/2004.

For the Commission
signed
Neelie KROES
Member of the Commission

² OJ C 56, 05.3.2005 p.32