

***Case No COMP/M.4589 -
DELTA LLOYD /
ERASMUS GROEP***

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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.4589 - DELTA LLOYD / ERASMUS GROEP
Notification of 16.02.2007 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No.
139/2004¹
Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No. C043,
27.02.2007, p.8.**

1. On 16/2/2007, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 by which the undertaking Delta Lloyd Verzekeringen N.V. (Delta Lloyd, the Netherlands), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Aviva insurance group (Aviva, UK), acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation sole control of the undertaking Erasmus Groep B.V. (Erasmus, the Netherlands), by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for Delta Lloyd: active in the insurance sector in the Netherlands;

¹ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004 p. 1

- for Aviva: international savings, investment and insurance group active worldwide including in the United Kingdom, continental Europe, North America, Asia and Australia;
 - for Erasmus: active in the insurance sector in the Netherlands.
3. 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.
 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 (EC) No. 139/2004.

For the Commission
signed
Philip LOWE
Director General

² OJ C 56, 05.3.2005 p.32