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COMP/M.6084 - WITTINGTON / DIVISIE BIJENKORF

SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

The proposed concentration involves the acquisition of the shares in Divisie Bijenkorf B.V. (“**Divisie Bijenkorf**”) by Wittington Investments. The proposed concentration is an acquisition of sole control within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the EC Merger Regulation.

The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Wittington Investments: operation of food processing and distribution in North America; modest export activities to Europe (the Czech Republic and the Spanish Canary Islands), Australia, Korea and Japan; financial products and services in Canada, commercial real estate holdings and investment land positions in North America, and operation of fashion retail stores in Canada, Ireland, and the UK; and
- Divisie Bijenkorf: operation of department stores in The Netherlands under the De Bijenkorf brand, offering a mix of fashion, home, cosmetics, food and entertainment products.