

***Case No COMP/M.2847 -
CVC / SIX VENDEX KBB***

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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 parties

Dear Sirs,

Subject: Case No. COMP/M.2847 – CVC / Six Vendex KBB

Notification of 19.06.2002 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 4064/89¹

Publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities No. C 154 of the 28.06.2002, page 6.

1. On 19.06.2002 the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 4064/89 by which the undertaking CVC Group, United Kingdom, acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of six retail undertakings: Optische Exploitatie Maatschappij B.V., Siebel B.V., Perry Sport B.V., Kijkshop B.V., Scapino B.V. and Prénatal Moeder en Kind B.V. (jointly referred to as “Target Group”), the Netherlands, by way of purchase of shares.

The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

For CVC Group: investment and management advice to and management of investments on behalf of investment funds.

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.

For Target Group: (i) retail and wholesale trade in optical products (OEM); (ii) manufacturing, wholesale and retail trade of jewellery and related products (IMAS, incl. Siebel); (iii) retail and wholesale trade in sports and leisure products (Perry Sport); (iv) retail and wholesale trade of durable consumer goods (Kijkshop); (v) retail and wholesale trade in shoes (Scapino); and (vi) retail and wholesale trade in baby products (Prénatal).

2. 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 c, of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89².
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 (EEC) No. 4064/89.

For the Commission,

(Signed)
Mario MONTI

² OJ C 217, 29.07.2000, p. 32.