

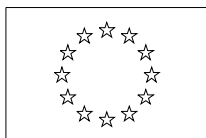
***Case No COMP/M.3531 -
DIXONS GROUP /
KOTSOVOLOS***

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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 Sirs,

**Subject: Case No. COMP/M.3531 – Dixons/Kotsovolos
Notification of 26.7.2004 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004¹
Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No. C 197 of 04/08/2004**

1. On 26/07/2004, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 by which the UK undertaking Dixons ('Dixons') acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation sole control of the Greek undertaking Kotsovolos ('Kotsovolos') by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - For Dixons: retail sale of consumer electrical goods in some Member States but not in Greece;
 - For Kotsovolos: retail sale of consumer electrical goods in Greece;

¹ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004 p. 1

3. After examination of the notification, the Commission has concluded that the notified operation falls within the scope of Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 and of paragraph 5, subparagraph b of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EEC) No139/2004².
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)

Mario MONTI
Member of the Commission

² Adopted by the Commission on 20 July 2004 and available on DG COMP website:
http://europa.eu.int/comm/competition/mergers/legislation/consultation/simplified_tru.pdf