

***Case No COMP/M.3563 -
CVC / BASF PRINTING
INKS***

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

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION
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COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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MERGER PROCEDURE
ARTICLE 6(1)(b) DECISION

SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE

PUBLIC VERSION

To the notifying party

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

**Subject: Case No. COMP/M.3563 – CVC/BASF Printing Inks
Notification of 01/10/2004 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004¹
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09/10/2004, Page 3**

1. On 01.10.2004, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 by which the undertaking CVC acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking BASF Drucksysteme GmbH and certain additional BASF AG assets in the field of pigments (“BASF Inks”, Germany).
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for CVC: financial investments in various industries, including chemicals, automotive, utilities, manufacturing, retailing and distribution;
 - for BASF Inks: production of printing inks for publication and packaging applications, production of pigments for printing inks and the manufacture of printing plates.
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

¹ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004 p. 1

5, subparagraph b and c of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No139/2004².

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 by
Mario MONTI
Member of the Commission

² Available on DG COMP website:
http://europa.eu.int/comm/competition/mergers/legislation/consultation/simplified_tru.pdf