

***Case No COMP/M.4575 -
RICOH / IBM***

Only the English text is available and authentic.

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

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION

Date: 04/04/2007

***In electronic form on the EUR-Lex website under document
number 32007M4575***



COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Brussels, 04.04.2007

SG-Greffe(2007) D/202128

PUBLIC VERSION

MERGER PROCEDURE
ARTICLE 6(1)(b) DECISION

SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE

To the notifying party

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

**Subject: Case No COMP/M.4575 - RICOH/IBM
Notification of 28.02.2007 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004
Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No. C, 16.03.2007,
page 10.**

1. On 28.02.2007, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No139/2004¹ by which Ricoh Company Ltd. ("Ricoh", Japan) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the printer business of International Business Machines Corporation ("IBM", USA) by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for Ricoh: manufacturing and distribution of office automation equipment such as printers, personal computers etc.;

¹ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004 p. 1

- for IBM: developing and manufacturing advanced information technologies, including computer systems, software etc.; sale of printers, printing software and related services.
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(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, 05.03.2005 p.32