

***Case No COMP/M.4661 -
MAPFRE / CATTOLICA
/JV***

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

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION
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MERGER PROCEDURE
ARTICLE 6(1)(b) DECISION

SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE

To the notifying parties:

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

**Subject: Case No. COMP/M.4661 – Mapfre/Cattolica/JV
Notification of 13 June 2007 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC)
No. 139/2004¹
Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No. C 137 of 21 June
2007, page 8.**

1. On 13 June 2007, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004 by which Mapfre S.A ("Mapfre", Spain) and Società Cattolica di Assicurazioni soc.coop. ("Cattolica", Italy) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation joint control of Mapfre Cattolica Auto S.p.A. ("JV", Italy) by way of contribution of assets and purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are :
 - for Mapfre: insurance services, primarily in Spain;
 - for for Cattolica: insurance services, primarily in Italy;
 - for JV: motor vehicle liability insurance services in Italy.

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 Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004 and of paragraph 5, c (i) 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, 05.3.2005 p.32