

***Case No COMP/M.4847 -
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THYWISSEN / JV***

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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(ies)

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Subject: Case No COMP/M.4847 – INEOS/ CHAMPAGNE CEREALES/
THYWISSEN/ JV
Notification of 13 August 2007 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation
No 139/2004¹
Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No. C 194 dated
22/08/2007, page 11**

1. On 13/08/2007, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 by which the undertakings Ineos Enterprises Limited ("Ineos", UK), Champagne Céréales ("Champagne", France) and C.Thywissen GmbH ("Thywissen", Germany) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(4) of the Council Regulation joint control of a joint venture company ("JV", France) by purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are :
 - for Ineos: manufacture of petrochemicals, speciality chemicals and oil products;
 - for Champagne: agricultural co-operative;
 - for Thywissen: activities in the food industry, seed crushing and oil production;
 - JV: crushing of oilseeds and production and sale of bio-diesel.

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, subparagraphs (a) and (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, 05.3.2005 p.32