

***Case No COMP/M.4996 -  
CARLSON / REZIDOR***

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

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Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION  
Date: 31/10/2008

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ARTICLE 6(1)(b) DECISION

SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE

**To the notifying party:**

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

**Subject: Case No COMP/M.4996 – CARLSON/ REZIDOR  
Notification of 01.10.2008 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No  
139/2004<sup>1</sup>  
Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No. C 256 of  
09.10.2008, p.14**

1. On 01/10/2008 the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 by which Carlson Companies Inc. (“Carlson”, USA) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of Rezidor Hotel Group AB (“Rezidor”, Sweden) by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - for Carlson: operation of hotels, travel agencies and restaurants;
  - for Rezidor: operation and management of hotels.

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<sup>1</sup> 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) of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004<sup>2</sup>.
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

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<sup>2</sup> OJ C 56, 05.3.2005, p. 32.