

***Case No COMP/M.5003 -  
REWE / UAB PALINK***

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

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Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION  
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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.5003 - REWE / UAB PALINK**  
**Notification of 10.01.2008 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 14 of 19.01.2008 at page 36.**

1. On 10 January 2008, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 by which the undertaking REWE-Beteiligungs-Holding International GmbH ("REWE International", Germany), belonging to the REWE Group ("REWE", Germany) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking UAB Palink (Lithuania) by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - for REWE: food and non-food wholesale and retail (including supermarkets, discount stores, specialist stores), travel and tourism, principally in Germany.
  - for UAB Palink: food and non-food retail in Lithuania and Latvia.

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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, subparagraph (b) 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