

***Case No COMP/M.5017 -
RANK / ALCOA P&C***

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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 party

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

**Subject: Case No. COMP/M.5017 - Rank/ Alcoa P & C
Notification of 18.1.2008 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No.
139/2004¹
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1. On 18.1.2008, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 by which the undertaking Rank Group Limited ("Rank", New Zealand) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the Packaging & Consumer Business of Alcoa Inc. ("Alcoa P&C", U.S.A.) by way of purchase of shares and assets.

The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Rank : packaging, wood products, building supplies, pulp and paper
- for Alcoa P&C : beverage closures, aluminium foil and food packaging as well as wax paper, tobacco flexible packaging, envelope film, pharmaceutical flexible packaging and plastic sheet.

¹ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004 p. 1

2. 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 c of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004².
3. 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