

***Case No COMP/M.5234 -  
THOMAS COOK  
FRANCE / JET TOURS***

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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 parties**

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

**Subject: Case No COMP/M.5234 – THOMAS COOK FRANCE / JET TOURS  
Notification of 04/07/2008 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 175, dated  
10/07/2008, page 14.**

1. On 04.07.2008, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 by which the undertaking Thomas Cook France S.A.S ("Thomas Cook France", France) belonging to the Thomas Cook Group plc ("Thomas Cook", United Kingdom) which is controlled by the Arcandor AG group ("Arcandor", Germany) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Jet Tours S.A. ("Jet Tours", France) by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - for Thomas Cook: international tourism company active in the leisure travel sector;
  - for Jet Tours: tourism company active in France.

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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(s) (c)(i) and (c)(ii) 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.