

***Case No COMP/M.5247 -
DAIICHI SANKYO /
RANBAXY
LABORATORIES***

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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

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

**Subject: Case No COMP/M.5247 - DAIICHI SANKYO/ RANBAXY LABORATORIES
Notification of 30/07/2008 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No
139/2004¹
Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 200 of 6 August
2008, page 4.**

1. On 30/07/2008, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 by which the undertaking Daiichi Sankyo Company, Limited (“DS”, Japan) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of Ranbaxy Laboratories Limited, India (“Ranbaxy”, India), by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are :
 - for DS : pharmaceutical company;
 - for Ranbaxy : pharmaceutical company.

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(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.