

***Case No COMP/M.5276 -
DIEHL / THALES /
LAUPHEIM***

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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.5276 - DIEHL/ THALES/ LAUPHEIM
Notification of 11/08/2008 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No
139/2004¹
Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C.213, 21/08/2008,
p.22.**

1. On 11/08/2008, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 by which the undertakings Diehl Stiftung & Co. KG ("Diehl", Germany) and Thales, S.A. ("Thales", France) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation joint control of the Laupheim manufacturing site ("Laupheim", Germany) belonging to Airbus Deutschland GmbH ("Airbus", Germany) by way of purchase of assets.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for Diehl: activities in defence and aero systems;
 - for Thales : activities in aerospace, defence and security markets;
 - for Laupheim: manufacturing of cabin interior products;

¹ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

- for Airbus: manufacturing of aircrafts and related services.
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(b) of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.
 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

² OJ C 56, 05.3.2005, p. 32.