

***Case No COMP/M.5352 -
OMRON / FICOSA / JV***

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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 parties:

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

**Subject: Case No. COMP/M.5352 - Omron/ Ficosa/ JV
Notification of 17.10.2008 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No.
139/2004¹
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28/10/2008 on page 29**

1. On 17.10.2008, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 by which the undertakings Omron Corporation ("Omron", Japan) and Ficosa International S.A. ("Ficosa", Spain) indirectly acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1) (b) of the Council Regulation joint control of a joint venture company ("JV", Germany) by way purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for Omron: manufacture of control equipment, automation systems, electronic components, ticket vending machines, medical equipment, automotive electronic components,
 - for Ficosa: research, development, production and commercialization of systems and parts for vehicles (such as rear-view mirrors),

¹ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004 p. 1

- for JV: development, manufacture and sale of Advanced Driver Assistance Systems for automobiles.

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 (a) and (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