

***Case No COMP/M.6994 - ARROW ELECTRONICS/ CSS
COMPUTER SECURITY SOLUTIONS HOLDING***

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**REGULATION (EC) No 139/2004
MERGER PROCEDURE**

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION
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To the notifying party

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

**Subject: Case No COMP/M.6994 - ARROW ELECTRONICS/ CSS COMPUTER SECURITY SOLUTIONS HOLDING
Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004¹**

- (1) On 3 September 2013, the European Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004² by which the undertaking Arrow Electronics, Inc. ("Arrow", USA) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking CSS Computer Security Solutions Holding GmbH ("CSS", Germany) and its direct and indirect subsidiaries, including Computerlinks AG ("Computerlinks", Germany), by way of purchase of shares³.
- (2) The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

¹ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 ("the Merger Regulation"). With effect from 1 December 2009, the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ("TFEU") has introduced certain changes, such as the replacement of "Community" by "Union" and "common market" by "internal market". The terminology of the TFEU will be used throughout this decision.

² OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the "Merger Regulation")

³ Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 262, 11.9.2013, p.3–4

- for Arrow: global wholesale distribution of electronic components (including semiconductors and passive, electromechanical and interconnect products), enterprise computing solutions (software and hardware, including servers and data storage products) and ancillary support services to industrial and commercial users;
 - for Computerlinks: global value-added wholesale distributor of enterprise computer products, focussing on the distribution of software and network equipment and related services.
- (3) After examination of the notification, the European Commission has concluded that the notified operation falls within the scope of the Merger Regulation and of paragraph 5(c) of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004⁴.
- (4) For the reasons set out in the Notice on a simplified procedure, the European Commission has decided not to oppose the notified operation and to declare it compatible with the internal market and with the EEA Agreement. This decision is adopted in application of Article 6(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation.

For the Commission
(Signed)
Alexander ITALIANER
Director General

4 OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32.