

***Case No COMP/M.7690 - CVC/ DOUGLAS GROUP***

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

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Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION  
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SIMPLIFIED MERGER  
PROCEDURE

**To the notifying party:**

Dear Sirs,

**Subject: Case M.7690 – CVC/ DOUGLAS GROUP**  
**Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004<sup>1</sup> and Article 57 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area<sup>2</sup>**

1. On 2 July 2015, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertaking CVC Capital Partners SICAV-FIS S.A. (Luxembourg), belonging to the CVC Group, acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Beauty Holding Zero GmbH (Germany) and its subsidiaries, namely the "Douglas Group", by way of purchase of shares.<sup>3</sup>
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - for the CVC Group: the provision of advice to and management of investment funds holding interests in companies primarily in Europe, the United States and the Asia-Pacific region;

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 1, 3.1.1994, p. 3 ("the EEA Agreement").

<sup>3</sup> Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 227, 11.7.2015, p. 8.

- for the Douglas Group: the retail of beauty, perfumery, personal care and related products and services through both physical stores and online channels.
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(b) of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.<sup>4</sup>
  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 and Article 57 of the EEA Agreement.

*For the Commission*  
*(Signed)*  
*Alexander ITALIANER*  
*Director-General*

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<sup>4</sup> OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.