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***Case M.8047 - INTER IKEA HOLDING / PARTS OF INGKA
HOLDING***

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

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

To the notifying party:

Dear Sirs,

**Subject: Case M.8047 - INTER IKEA HOLDING / PARTS OF INGKA HOLDING
Commission decision pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC)
No 139/2004¹ and Article 57 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area²**

1. On 11 May 2016, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertaking Inter IKEA Holding B.V. ("Inter IKEA", the Netherlands) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of parts of INGKA Holding B.V. ("INGKA Holding", the Netherlands) by way of purchase of shares.³
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for Inter IKEA: the owner of the IKEA concept and the worldwide IKEA franchisor. The IKEA concept is made up of the IKEA product range, the IKEA retail systems and the IKEA trademarks.

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 1, 3.1.1994, p. 3 (the 'EEA Agreement').

³ Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 182, 20.05.2016, p. 7.

- for the parts of INGKA Holding to be acquired by Inter IKEA: (i) setting and developing the IKEA product range and related business, (ii) purchase and managing the supply chain of the IKEA product range and related business and (iii) manufacturing of the IKEA product range and particle board production.
- 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 139/2004.⁴
- 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)
Johannes LAITENBERGER
Director-General

⁴ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.