

## Case M.8163 - AC / EYSA / JV

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

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## **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**



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SIMPLIFIED MERGER PROCEDURE

To the notifying parties:

Dear Sirs,

Subject: Case M. 8163 - AC / EYSA / JV

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 05 August 2016, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which the undertakings Automobiles Citröen SA ("AC", France) belonging to Peugeot SA ("PSA", France) the holding company of the PSA group ("Groupe PSA", France) and Estacionamientos y servicios, S.A.U ("EYSA", Spain) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control over a newly created company constituting a joint venture ("JV") by way of purchase of shares.<sup>3</sup>
- 2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - for AC: subsidiary of the motor vehicles manufacturer Groupe PSA in charge of the commercialisation of the motor vehicles under the Citröen brand;
  - for EYSA: active in the provision of parking management services, as well as vehicle towing services for illegally parked or abandoned vehicles and tax and sanction management.

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.

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

Publication in the Official Journal of the European Union No C 295, 13.08.2016, p. 4.

- 3. The JV will be active in the provision of car-sharing services in Spain and Portugal.
- 4. 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(a)** and **5(c)** of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004.<sup>4</sup>
- 5. 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)
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.