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Case M.8280 - DEUTSCHE POST DHL / UK MAIL

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

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

Dear Sirs,

**Subject: Case M.8280 – DEUTSCHE POST DHL / UK MAIL
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 14 November 2016, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of the Merger Regulation by which Deutsche Post AG, trading as Deutsche Post DHL Group ('DPDHL', Germany) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of UK Mail Group plc and its subsidiaries ('UK Mail', United Kingdom) by way of a public bid.³
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for DPDHL: DPDHL is a global mail and logistics company headquartered in Germany. The group operates under two brands (Deutsche Post and DHL) and delivers services to customers in over 220 countries and territories worldwide. The postal division of DPDHL, Deutsche Post, provides the national postal service in Germany. DHL provides a comprehensive range of international express, freight transportation, e-commerce and supply chain management services.
 - for UK Mail: United Kingdom-based courier company with a nationwide network of more than 50 sites and 2 400 vehicles. It offers parcel and mail delivery solutions both locally and worldwide.
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 6 of the

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 437, 25.11.2016, p. 10.

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.