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M.10216 - DFDS / HSF LOGISTICS GROUP

SECTION 1.2

Description of the concentration

On 2 August 2021, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to which DFDS A/S (“DFDS”), a company incorporated under the laws of Denmark and listed on NASDAQ OMX Copenhagen A/S, intends to acquire, via a share deal, sole control within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the EU Merger Regulation over the following entities incorporated in the Netherlands: (i) HSF Distri Holding B.V., (ii) HSF Expeditie Holding B.V., and (iii) Frekrenij B.V. (together with their respective subsidiaries, the “HSF Logistics Group”). Currently, HSF Logistics Group is (indirectly) owned by the following shareholders: Fam. PTML Bonnichsen Holding A/S, FCKH B.V., Frederiks Holding B.V., MGG Holding ApS, and Weideman Beheer B.V.

The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- **DFDS:** DFDS operates a sea transport network in Northern Europe and provides ferry shipping services and transport and logistics solutions. DFDS’ business is split into two divisions: the Ferry Division, which operates a network of ferry routes in and around Europe and provides both freight and passenger transport services and port terminal services; and the Logistics Division, which provides full-load and part-load transportation of freight, warehousing and logistics solutions.
- **HSF Logistics Group:** The principal activities of HSF Logistics Group relate to the provision of logistics services, including refrigerated transport (fresh and frozen food), cold storage and cross-docking, re-usable packaging and packaging contract cleaning. It operates from a number of sites located primarily in North West Europe, in particular in the Netherlands, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, and the UK, as well as in Poland. HSF Logistics Group transports both full truck loads and less than full truck loads for various clients with a focus on Europe and the United Kingdom.