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NOTICES FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS, BODIES, OFFICES AND AGENCIES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Euro exchange rates ⁽¹⁾

21 June 2019

(2019/C 212/01)

1 euro =

Currency	Exchange rate	Currency	Exchange rate		
USD	US dollar	1,1316	CAD	Canadian dollar	1,4928
JPY	Japanese yen	121,64	HKD	Hong Kong dollar	8,8424
DKK	Danish krone	7,4657	NZD	New Zealand dollar	1,7261
GBP	Pound sterling	0,89425	SGD	Singapore dollar	1,5362
SEK	Swedish krona	10,6308	KRW	South Korean won	1 314,41
CHF	Swiss franc	1,1107	ZAR	South African rand	16,2178
ISK	Iceland króna	141,50	CNY	Chinese yuan renminbi	7,7792
NOK	Norwegian krone	9,6860	HRK	Croatian kuna	7,4013
BGN	Bulgarian lev	1,9558	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	15 987,00
CZK	Czech koruna	25,609	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	4,7002
HUF	Hungarian forint	323,97	PHP	Philippine peso	58,253
PLN	Polish zloty	4,2584	RUB	Russian rouble	71,5191
RON	Romanian leu	4,7239	THB	Thai baht	34,859
TRY	Turkish lira	6,5806	BRL	Brazilian real	4,3357
AUD	Australian dollar	1,6386	MXN	Mexican peso	21,5698
			INR	Indian rupee	78,6985

⁽¹⁾ Source: reference exchange rate published by the ECB.

EUROPEAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY

Networking of organisations operating in the fields within the European Food Safety Authority's (EFSA's) mission

(2019/C 212/02)

Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 ⁽¹⁾, Article 36(2), provides that the European Food Safety Authority's 'Management Board, acting on a proposal from the Executive Director, shall draw up a list to be made public of competent organisations designated by the Member States which may assist the Authority, either individually or in networks, with its mission.'

The list was first drawn up by EFSA's Management Board on 19 December 2006, and since then is:

- i. updated regularly, on the basis of proposals from EFSA's Executive Director, taking account of reviews or new designation proposals from the Member States (in accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) No 2230/2004, Article 2(4) ⁽²⁾);
- ii. made public on EFSA's website, where the latest updated list of competent organisations is published; and
- iii. made available through the Article 36 Search Tool to the organisations, providing contact details and the organisations' specific fields of competence.

This respective information is available on the EFSA website, under the following links:

- i. the latest amendment to the list of competent organisations by EFSA's Management Board on [19/06/2019] — [<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/event/190619-1>];
- ii. the updated list of competent organisations — <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/assets/art36listg.pdf>; and
- iii. Article 36 Search Tool — <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/art36/search>

EFSA will keep this notification updated, specifically regarding the provided website links.

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⁽¹⁾ Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety (OJ L 31, 1.2.2002, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ Commission Regulation (EC) No 2230/2004 of 23 December 2004 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 with regard to the network of organisations operating in the fields within the European Food Safety Authority's mission (OJ L 379, 24.12.2004, p. 64), as last amended.

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(Announcements)

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION
POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9404 — Goldman Sachs/B&B Hotels)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2019/C 212/03)

1. On 17 June 2019, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾.

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

- The Goldman Sachs Group Inc. ('Goldman Sachs,' USA),
- Financière Sun SAS ('Financière Sun,' France), operating the B&B Hotels chain, controlled by PAI Partners.

Goldman Sachs acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Financière Sun, the owner of the B&B Hotels chain.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Goldman Sachs: a global investment banking, securities and investment management firm. One of Goldman Sachs' controlled portfolio companies is K+K Hotels, a boutique hotel company that operates ten hotels in eight cities in the EU: Munich, Vienna, Prague, Barcelona, London, Paris, Budapest and Bucharest,
- for Financière Sun: operates the B&B Hotels chain. B&B Hotels is a French hotel company headquartered in Brest, France, with a portfolio of 476 hotels in ten EU Member States (Austria, Belgium, Czechia, France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia and Spain), and in Switzerland and Brazil.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.

Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under the Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽²⁾ it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the Notice.

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation to the Commission.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. The following reference should always be specified:

M.9404 — Goldman Sachs/B&B Hotels

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').

⁽²⁾ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

Observations can be sent to the Commission by email, by fax, or by post. Please use the contact details below:

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