



Determination No. M/05/017 of the Competition Authority, 26th May 2005, under Section 21 of the Competition Act, 2002.

Notification No. M/05/017 – Honeywell/Zellweger

Introduction

1. On the 3rd of May 2005 the Competition Authority, in accordance with Section 18 (1) of the Competition Act, 2002 (“the Act”) was notified, on a mandatory basis, of a proposal whereby Honeywell International Inc. (“Honeywell”) would acquire Zellweger Analytics (“Zellweger”).

The Parties

2. Honeywell is an advanced technology manufacturing company supplying customers’ world-wide with aerospace products and services, automotive products, transportation and power systems, speciality materials, and home, building and industrial controls. Honeywell is not currently active in the supply of gas detection equipment.
3. Zellweger, the target, is a wholly owned division of Hesta AG, a holding company based in Zug, Switzerland. Zellweger is active in the manufacture of toxic and flammable gas detection systems. Zellweger does not have any subsidiaries, branches or offices in the State or Northern Ireland. Zellweger sells CO detection products in the State from its office in Poole, UK. Zellweger’s gas products and portable products are sold through distributors. There are three distributors on the Island of Ireland, one in Northern Ireland and two in the State.

Analysis

4. Honeywell has various business interests in the State, none of which are active in the market in which Zellweger is active, either horizontally or by any form of vertical integration. The absence of overlap in the parties’ activities indicates that the proposed acquisition would not substantially lessen competition in any market for goods or services in the State.



The Competition Authority
An tÚdarás Iomaíochta

Determination

The Competition Authority, in accordance with Section 21(2) of the Competition Act, 2002, has determined that, in its opinion, the result of the proposed acquisition by Honeywell International Inc. of Zellweger Analytics will not be to substantially lessen competition in markets for goods and services in the State and, accordingly, that the acquisition may be put into effect.

For the Competition Authority

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