

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.2380 — FöreningsSparbanken/SEB)

(2001/C 175/11)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 11 June 2001, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97 ⁽²⁾, by which the Swedish undertakings FöreningsSparbanken AB (FSB) and Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (SEB) enter into a full merger within the meaning of Article 3(1)(a) of the Regulation
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - FSB: Swedish-based banking group offering a full range of banking products and mutual funds, primarily to small and medium-sized enterprises and private individuals.
 - SEB: Swedish-based banking group offering a full range of corporate and private banking products and mutual funds.
3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified concentration could fall within the scope of Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.
4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent by fax (No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference COMP/M.2380 — FöreningsSparbanken/SEB, to:

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Directorate-General for Competition,
Directorate B — Merger Task Force,
Rue Joseph II/Jozef II-straat 70,
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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 257, 21.9.1990, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 180, 9.7.1997, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 40, 13.2.1998, p. 17.