

MERGER NOTIFICATION AND PROCEDURES TEMPLATE

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IMPORTANT NOTE: This template is intended to provide initial background on the jurisdiction's merger notification and review procedures. Reading the template is not a substitute for consulting the referenced statutes and regulations.

1. Merger notification and review materials (please provide title(s), popular name(s), and citation(s)/web address)

A. Notification provisions	<p>The notification provisions are included in the Belgian Act on the protection of economic competition, co-ordinated on 1 July 1999 (chapter II, section 2 mergers)</p> <p>(Belgian Official Gazette, 1 September 1999).</p> <p>http://mineco.fgov.be/organization_market/competition/home_en.htm</p>
B. Notification forms or information requirements	<p>Notifications shall be submitted in the manner prescribed by form CONC C/C -1, as shown in the Annex to the Royal Decree of 23 March 1993 relating to the notification of mergers of undertakings referred to in Article 12 of the Act on the Protection of Economic Competition coordinated on 1 July 1999.</p> <p>Notification under the simplified procedure (See point 6) will only require the completion of specific points of the normal notification form CONC C/C -1 (See Joint Communication of the Competition Council and Corps of Rapporteurs regarding the simplified procedure for certain concentrations, published in the Belgian Official Gazette on 11 December 2002).</p>
C. Substantive merger review provisions	<p>There is no separate regulation for mergers in the Belgian legislation regulating economic competition.</p> <p>As mentioned before (point 1 A) the merger control provisions are mainly included in the Belgian Act on the Protection of Economic Competition, co-ordinated on 1 July 1999 (further</p>

