

How to notify a merger

As the business world evolves, your strategy evolves with it!

Proposed merger, take-over, joint venture creation: these transactions must all be referred to the *Autorité de la concurrence* if they are above a certain size.

How do you do this? This is the procedure you should follow to notify your merger.

How do I know if a transaction needs to be notified?

To find out the current rules and precise turnover conditions, click [here](#).

Pre-notification phase

Before a company formally notifies a merger, it may, if it so wishes, contact the *Autorité* informally. It can then discuss the feasibility of its plans with the Mergers Unit and make any necessary advance arrangements in the case of a complex merger, and also minimise the risk of submitting an incomplete file at the time of notification.

To send a pre-notification or for any preliminary questions, please contact the Mergers Unit

by [email](#) or by telephone on +33 (0)1 55 04 01 72.

Who is responsible for notification?

- In the case of a take-over, it is the company acquiring control that notifies the transaction.
- In the case of a merger, it is the merging companies that notify the transaction.
- In the case of a joint venture creation, it is the companies creating the joint venture that notify the transaction.

Notification desk

Notification by mail

Notifications of proposed mergers can be sent to the *Autorité* by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt or can be deposited at the following address:

Autorité de la concurrence
Chef du service des concentrations
11, rue de l'Echelle
F-75001 Paris (France)

Notifications can be deposited on working days between 9 am and 7 pm.

When they are received or deposited, notification files are stamped with the date when they reached the *Autorité*. The date stamp and acknowledgement of receipt do not constitute registration.

Merger notification form

For notification procedures not covered by the simplified procedure, you can download the notification form below.

A notification form is available
Merger notification form
online

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New: online notification

To simplify and streamline the process, you can now notify your transaction online by filling in the form applicable to your situation.

To do this, go to the [Simplified Procedures](#) website

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How to proceed

- Go to the Simplified Procedures website;
- Create an account;

Select the procedure corresponding to your situation;

- Fill in the fields in accordance with the instructions in the document.

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Pre-notification phase

At the pre-notification stage, you can amend the document as many times as you need to, even after you have submitted it.

The rapporteur (case officer) to whom your case is assigned will be able to access the different versions of the form and can contact the notifying party in the same way as for normal correspondence by email.

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Notification phase

Once the form has been formally submitted for notification, you can no longer amend it online.

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Acknowledgement of receipt

Whenever a file (pre-notification or notification) is submitted, an acknowledgement of receipt is automatically sent to the notifying party.

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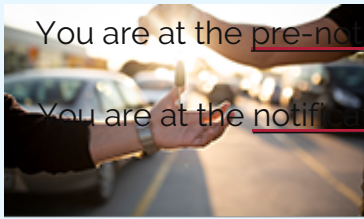
Food distribution sector



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Motor vehicle distribution sector



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Other sectors (no horizontal overlap or vertical or conglomerate links)



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