

The Belgian Competition Authority approves the acquisition of Mexico Natie Group by Katoen Natie

On 30 January 2023, the Belgian Competition Authority (BCA) approved the acquisition of Mexico Natie Groep by Katoen Natie NV.

The concentration was notified on 12 January 2023 and the application of the simplified procedure was requested.

Katoen Natie NV is a multinational active in the operation of port terminals for loading and unloading general cargo, containers and other products, the supply of logistics services for storing and handling products, semi-industrial services as well as process engineering and supply chain engineering.

Mexico Natie Group consists of several entities active in the supply of logistics, warehousing, stevedoring, forwarding and transport services in and around the Port of Antwerp.

In its decision of 30 January 2023, the BCA found that the conditions for the application of the simplified procedure were met and that the notified concentration did not raise objections.

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