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The Belgian Competition Authority approves the acquisition of ForFarmers Belgium by Arvesta

On 28 September 2023, the Belgian Competition Authority (BCA) approved the acquisition of ForFarmers Belgium by Arvesta.

The concentration was notified on 13 September 2023 and the application of the simplified procedure was requested.

Arvesta is a subsidiary of "Maatschappij voor Roerend Bezit van de Boerenbond". In turn, Arvesta has various subsidiaries, which are mainly active in the agriculture and horticulture sector in Belgium, the Netherlands, France and Germany. Various subsidiaries within the Arvesta Group target both professional farmers and horticulturists, as well as private individuals, but also cattle breeders, gardeners, or home bakers.

ForFarmers Belgium is a subsidiary of ForFarmers (Netherlands), a company operating internationally in the agricultural sector. ForFarmers is mainly active in the production and sale of feed solutions for livestock farming and focuses on the "total feed business". More specifically, ForFarmers Belgium is active in the production and sale of compound feed, the sale of single feed, the rearing and sale of parent animals and the production and sale of fertilisers, silage additives, maize seeds and seeds for feed crops.

In its decision of 28 September 2023, the BMA finds that the conditions for the application of the simplified procedure are met and that the notified concentration does not raise any objections.

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