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The Finnish Competition and Consumer Authority's contribution to the draft revised Merger Implementing Regulation and the draft revised Notice on Simplified Procedure

The Finnish Competition and Consumer Authority ("FCCA") welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Commission's public consultation regarding the simplification of the merger control procedures. The FCCA supports the Commission's initiative to simplify EU merger control procedures without undermining effective enforcement.

Based on the FCCA's experience on the merger control procedures and enforcement, the proposed changes to the Implementing Regulation and the Notice on Simplified Procedure seem to effectively reduce administrative burden especially in non-problematic cases for both the Commission and the merging parties. When the scope of the cases that may be assessed under the simplified procedure expands, the proposed set of safeguards are essential to ensure that the Commission can effectively review with comprehensive information any concentration that requires a more thorough assessment. The reduction of administrative burden and the maintaining of effective merger control enforcement seem to be well balanced in the Commission's proposal.

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