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PRESS RELEASE

Commission notice concerning a joint purchasing agreement

The EEC Commission has published a notice concerning the statute and activities of SOCEMAS (Société commerciale et d'études des maisons d'alimentation et d'approvisionnement à succursales), Paris.

SOCEMAS was established in 1959 by the majority of French retail grocers to undertake market research at home and abroad, to do business on French and foreign markets and, in certain cases, to purchase goods for resale by the retailers.

The notice invites interested third parties to submit their observations to the Commission before it either gives negative clearance (a finding that, according to the information received, there are no grounds for action under the cartel ban of the EEC Treaty) or approves the agreement under Article 65(3) of the Treaty.

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