

The CNMC approves the referral of the Siemens Logistics/Vanderlande Industries operation to the European Commission.

- The operation concerns the airport logistics services sector.
- Portugal requested the referral to the European Commission on 10 April.
- One or more Member States may ask the European Commission to examine an operation, even if it does not have an EU dimension.

Madrid, 22 April 2026. On 15 April, the CNMC approved the referral of merger C/1661/26 VANDERLANDE INDUSTRIES/SIEMENS LOGISTICS to the European Commission, pursuant to the mechanism established in Article 22 of [Regulation \(EC\) No. 139/2004](#), thereby joining the request initiated by the Portuguese competition authority on 10 April.

Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No. 139/2004 provides that one or more Member States may ask the European Commission to examine mergers that do not have an EU dimension but affect trade between Member States and threaten to significantly affect competition within the territory of the requesting Member State(s).

Member States have 15 working days from Portugal's referral request to decide whether to join it. Once this period has expired, the European Commission will have 10 working days to decide whether to accept the referral request in order to examine the operation.

The merger, which concerns the market for airport baggage handling systems, consists in the acquisition of sole control of Siemens Logistics GmbH by Vanderlande Industries B.V., a subsidiary of the Toyota group.

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