



**Determination No. M/04/022 of the Competition Authority, dated 14<sup>th</sup> May 2004,  
under Section 21 of the Competition Act, 2002**

**Notification No. M/04/022 – Proposed acquisition by Falck Danmark A/S of  
Global Safety Group BV**

**Introduction**

1. On 14<sup>th</sup> April 2004 the Competition Authority, in accordance with Section 18 (1) of the Competition Act, 2002 (“the Act”) was notified, on a mandatory basis, of a proposal whereby Falck Danmark A/S, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Group 4 Falck A/S (G4F) would acquire all the issued shares of Global Safety Group BV (GSG).

**The Parties**

2. G4F is one of the world’s largest security services providers consisting of alarm, guarding and cash delivery services. It also provides rescue and safety services, including ambulance services, patient transportation, fire services, rescue services and risk management services. G4F’s Irish activities encompass alarm, guarding and security support services. In Ireland it is not active in rescue and safety services.
3. GSG is active throughout the world in risk management and safety and contingency training. It specialises in off-shore oil and gas, maritime and petrochemical industries. In Ireland GSG provides training in various safety techniques such as fire fighting, sea survival and evacuation and helicopter underwater escape.

**Analysis**

4. There is no overlap in the parties’ activities in Ireland and therefore the transaction does not give rise to competition concerns in the State.



**The Competition Authority**  
An tÚdarás Iomaíochta

### **Determination**

The Competition Authority, in accordance with Section 21(2) of the Competition Act, 2002, has determined that, in its opinion, the result of the proposed acquisition by Falck Danmark A/S or Global Safety Group BV will not be to substantially lessen competition in markets for goods and services in the State and, accordingly, that the acquisition may be put into effect.

**For the Competition Authority**

**Edward Henneberry**  
**Member of the Competition Authority**

**14<sup>th</sup> May 2004**