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On 14 and 15 April 2026, the National Assembly (*Assemblée nationale*) and the Senate (*Sénat*) adopted the Economic Life Simplification Bill. Article 8 provides for an increase in the thresholds triggering merger control review by the *Autorité de la concurrence*, with the exception of those applicable to the French overseas territories, which remain unchanged. The increase is intended to reduce the administrative burden on companies, while enabling a more efficient allocation of the *Autorité*'s resources, following several years of significant growth in the number of cases reviewed by the *Autorité*.

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