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On 24 October 2013 the Competition College of the Belgian Competition Authority clears the merger by which the “Koninklijke Belgische Touring Club VZW” gains exclusive control over “Autoveiligheid NV” and the subsidiary “Bureau voor Technische Controle NV” (decision in the case MEDE-C/C-13/0023)

The Competition College decides that the clearance of the acquisition is subject to conditions. Touring shall take actions, if necessary in consultation with the FPS Mobility or another competent authority, to assure , to the extent that it is required by the legal framework, an operational and structural separation between testing and exam activities of the target undertaking on the one hand and the commercial activities of the Touring Group on the other hand.

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