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The Board of Directors of the BCA envisages revoking the Notice of the Competition Council on the calculation of fines

The Board of Directors of the Belgian Competition Authority envisages revoking the Notice of the Competition Council on the calculation of fines of 19 December 2011 ([Notice of the Competition Council concerning the method of calculating fines](#)) and to replace it by a communication that the Authority will be guided when calculating fines by the guidelines of the European Commission : Guidelines on the method of setting fines imposed pursuant to Article 23(2)(a) of Regulation N° 1/2003 ([OJ, 2006/C 210/02](#)).

You are invited to send your comments before the 3rd of January 2014 to ingrid.demey@bma-abc.be.

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The BCA (composed of the Competition College and the President as the decision making body in formal procedures and the Investigation Service under the direction of the competition prosecutor general) has as mission statement to promote and to safeguard the existence of an effective competition in Belgium. To this end she examines and may impose sanctions on restrictive practices (cartels, abuse of dominant position). Its examines also the admissibility of concentrations which might have a noticeable effect on the market. To this end the authority applies books IV and V of the Code of Economic Law as stipulated in the act of 3 April 2013 (Belgian Official Gazette of 26 April 2013) and competition rules of the European Union such as articles 101 and 102 of the TFEU (ex-articles 81 and 82 of the EC treaty).The authority takes part in the implementation of the European competition policy. She works together with other competition authorities and is member of the European competition network(ECN), the European Competition Authorities (ECA) and the International Competition Network.