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Decision of the Competition College of the Belgian Competition Authority granting interim measures in a case concerning the distribution, repairs and maintenance of BMW and MINI cars

On 11 July the Competition College of the Belgian Competition Authority has imposed interim measures on BMW Belux in the framework of an ongoing investigation into possible infringements of the competition rules.

The measures aim at protecting the chances of a former dealer to stay in the market as an independent repairer and are *i.a.* concerned with the access to technical information and spare parts.

These interim measures do not prejudge the outcome of the proceedings on the merits in the main case.

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