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The Belgian Competition Authority publishes a Notice concerning the informal opinions of the President

The notice concerning the informal opinions of the President gives guidance on the conditions that may enable the President to issue an informal opinion and on the way to proceed.

The notice is available in Dutch and in French on the website of the Belgian Competition Authority:

<http://economie.fgov.be/nl/ondernemingen/mededinging/publicaties/andere/>
<http://economie.fgov.be/fr/entreprises/concurrence/publications/autres/>

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The BCA (composed of the Competition College and the President as the decision making body in formal procedures and the Prosecution body 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.