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The Competition College of the BCA has authorised the merger of Ahold and Delhaize with remedies

The Competition College of the Belgian Competition Authority has authorised on the 15th of March 2016 the merger of Delhaize SA and Royal Ahold NV with the remedies proposed by the parties.

The remedies require the divestment of 8 Ahold shops, 5 Delhaize franchised shops and other shops that are not yet opened. They must be sold to a purchaser with the financial resources, proven relevant expertise, incentive and ability to maintain and develop the divested business as a viable and active competitive force in competition with the parties and other competitors.

The BCA refers you to the spoke persons of the parties for more information, in order to enable the parties to inform themselves their staff.

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