

**The Belgian Competition Authority confirms inspections at several undertakings active in the sale of non-prescription products in pharmacies**

The Investigation and Prosecution Service of the Belgian Competition Authority (hereafter “BCA”) confirms that the BCA has conducted inspections this week at the premises of several undertakings active in the sale of non-prescription products in pharmacies.

The BCA has information about possible infringements of Article IV.1 of the Code of Economic Law and Article 101 TFEU.

These inspections are a preliminary step in the investigation of restrictive practices. Conducting inspections does not prejudge the outcome of the investigation itself. The BCA respects the rights of defence, in particular the right of companies to be heard in the course of the proceedings. The duration of the investigation will depend on several factors, including the degree of complexity of the case, the cooperation of the undertakings concerned with the BCA and the exercise of the rights of defence.

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