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Decision of the Competition College of the BCA in the context of the concentration McKesson / Belmedis / Espafarmed / Cophana / Alphar Partners and Sofiadis

The Competition College of the Belgian Competition Authority has decided on 21 December 2016 to open the procedure for additional investigation in the context of the concentration McKesson / Belmedis / Espafarmed / Cophana / Alphar Partners and Sofiadis.

The concentration relates to the sector of wholesale distribution of pharmaceutical products, retail in pharmacies and services of pre-wholesale of pharmaceutical products.

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