

The Competition College of the BCA has refused to impose an interim measure on the Royal Meteorological Institute as requested by The Great Circle

The Competition College of the Belgian Competition Authority (BCA) has refused on 15 February 2019 to impose an interim measure on the Belgian Royal Meteorological Institute (RMI) as requested by the BVBA The Great Circle.

The applicant is a Belgian company offering meteo navigation software. It uses data provided by the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF), an intergovernmental institution based in the United Kingdom. It complains about a refusal by the ECMWF and the RMI to supply the data, which it qualifies as a concerted practice and an abuse of a dominant position. It requested the BCA to order the RMI to supply the ECMWF data at its disposal.

The College has decided that it had not been established at the stage of this procedure on interim measures that the applicant's complaints constitute *prima facie* an infringement of the articles IV.1 or IV.2 of the Code of Economic Law and the articles 101 and 102 TFEU by the RMI.

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