

The Investigation and Prosecution Service of the Belgian Competition Authority takes position on the possible qualification as a merger of the establishment of locoregional hospital networks

In the framework of the recent amendment to the obligation for hospitals to establish and belong to a locoregional hospital network (Act of 28 February 2019 amending the Coordinated Act of 10 July 2008 on hospitals and other health care institutions, with regard to clinical networks between hospitals, Belgian Official Gazette 28.03.2019), the Investigation and Prosecution Service of the Belgian Competition Authority has drawn up a note containing the principles it will adhere to in assessing the establishment of hospital networks and their possible qualification as a merger.

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