

Decision of the Competition College of the BCA in respect of the merger between the Delorge group and Coox

The Competition College of the Belgian Competition Authority (BCA) has on 19 November 2020 authorized with remedies the acquisition by the Holding Groep Delorge BV (Groep Automotive & Mobility Invest NV) of Coox Gregor Management BV & Coox Jochem Management BV.

The merger is concerned with authorized dealers of Audi, Skoda and Volkswagen cars and light commercial vehicles in the province of Limburg. The authority needed to examine the impact of the concentration on local markets for the service and repairs for these brands.

The Competition College has decided that it was, in view of the assessment of the present competition between these authorized dealers, not established with the required degree of probability that the merger will significantly impede effective competition on the local markets for the service and repairs, except with regard to service quality criteria that depend on the management of the parties to the concentration and not on the obligations imposed by the importer or on the staff of the different sites.

The Competition College has accepted remedies in respect of opening hours, holiday closures and replacement vehicles.

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