

**The Belgian Competition Authority confirms an unannounced inspection in the bovine meat sector**

The Investigation and Prosecution Service of the Belgian Competition Authority (hereafter: “BCA”) confirms that the BCA conducted an unannounced inspection at the premises of a professional association active in the bovine meat sector.

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

This inspection is a preliminary step in the investigation of restrictive practices and does not prejudice the outcome of the ongoing investigation.

The duration of an 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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