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The Belgian Competition Authority approves the acquisition by Sligro-MFS Belgium of a number of Metro Cash & Carry outlets

The Competition College of the Belgian Competition Authority (BCA) approved on 3 April 2023 the acquisition by Sligro-MFS Belgium of a number of Metro Cash & Carry outlets.

The investigation focused in particular on the impact of the merger on the market for the procurement of daily consumer goods, on the one hand, and the market for wholesale sales of food and food-related non-food products for out-of-home consumption, on the other.

The College has decided with the competition prosecutor that the concentration does not threaten to have any consequences that would prevent approval.

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