

**The Belgian Competition Authority approves the expansion of Ghent Renewables to a full-function joint venture**

On 22 July 2025, the Belgian Competition Authority (BCA) approved the expansion of the activities of Ghent Renewables, an undertaking under the joint control of Cargill and Ghent Transport & Storage, to a full-function joint venture.

The concentration was notified on June 20th, 2025 and the application of the simplified procedure was requested.

Cargill is an undertaking that supplies food, agricultural, and industrial products worldwide. In the agricultural sector, Cargill purchases, processes and distributes grains, oilseeds and other products to the food and animal food industry. Cargill also supplies energy, salt and starch products to industrial customers and supplies ingredients to food companies, food service providers and the distribution sector.

Ghent Transport & Storage is a terminal operator in the port of Ghent and is part of Ghent Transport & Storage Group. The latter specializes in the handling and storage of dry and liquid bulk cargo. In this regard, Ghent Transport & Storage specialises primarily in the handling and storage of clean petroleum products, biofuels and liquid fertilisers.

Ghent Renewables specializes in the storage and pretreatment of oils and fats, which in turn are used in the production of biodiesel.

By expanding its waste oil pretreatment capacity, Ghent Renewables will expand its operations and offer pretreatment services of waste oils for use in biodiesel production to third parties.

In its decision of 22 July 2025, the BCA found that the conditions for the application of the simplified procedure are met and that the notified concentration did not raise any objections.

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