

The CNMC opens disciplinary proceedings against Renfe Mercancías for possible anti-competitive practices in the rail freight services market for freight transport in Spain

- The case furthermore concerns, Renfe-Operadora Entidad Pública Empresarial, and Pecovasa Renfe Mercancías Sociedad Mercantil Estatal, S.A.
- The investigated activities are focused on the tender for railway freight services issued by Pecovasa in January 2022. Renfe would have benefited from the award, in an anti-competitive manner.
- In addition, car transport by rail in Spain would have been affected.

Madrid, 30 July 2024 - The CNMC has launched disciplinary proceedings against Renfe-Operadora Entidad Pública Empresarial (Renfe Operadora), Renfe Mercancías Sociedad Mercantil Estatal, S.A. (Renfe Mercancías) and Pecovasa Renfe Mercancías Sociedad Mercantil Estatal, S.A. (Pecovasa) for possible anti-competitive practices in the rail freight services market for the transport of goods in Spain ([S/0010/23](#)).

The CNMC is specifically investigating whether Renfe Mercancías and Pecovasa restricted competition in a tender for rail freight services launched on 20 January 2022 by Pecovasa, in which Renfe Mercancías was awarded the contract.

These practices could breach Articles 2 of the [Law on the Defence of Competition](#) (LDC) and 102 of the [Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union](#) (TFEU).

The case was launched following a complaint filed by the Association of Private Railway Companies. The CNMC initiated a confidential inquiry and carried out inspections in October 2023 ([see press release](#)).

The CNMC has found prima facie evidence that Renfe Operadora, Renfe Mercancías and Pecovasa may have breached Article 2 of the LDC and Article 102 of the TFEU.

The launching of these proceedings in no way prejudices the final outcome of the investigation. The CNMC now has a period of up to 24 months to investigate and resolve the case.

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