

## The CNMC recommends the Royal Spanish Football Federation to implement improvements to its marketing proposals for certain broadcasting rights of the Copa and the Supercopa

- Some of the conditions proposed do not fully comply with the requirements of Royal Decree-Law 5/2015.
- Hence, the CNMC suggests not imposing unjustified obligations or reservations not provided for in the law, as well as eliminating the discretion of the Royal Spanish Football Federation (RFEF in Spanish) in certain matters, such as the assessment of technical and professional requirements.

Madrid, 5 May 2022.- The CNMC has issued three reports under Article 4 of the Royal Decree-Law 5/2015, which analyse the conditions proposed by the Royal Spanish Football Federation to market certain broadcasting rights of the Copa del Rey in EU countries and other European countries (INF/DC/068/22), and the Supercopa, both in the national market and in Andorra (INF/DC/069/22) as well as in EU countries and other European countries (INF/DC/070/22).

In these reports, the CNMC makes the following recommendations, among others:

- To not include powers, reservations, or ownership of rights not attributed • by Royal Decree-Law 5/2015.
- To not impose obligations relating to advertising which are not covered by the law and which are unjustified and contrary to the principle of freedom to conduct a business.
- To eliminate the discretion of the RFEF in certain matters, such as the assessment of technical and professional requirements, the use of reservation prices without establishing clear criteria for awarding rights or starting new rounds, and the grouping of tenders by European countries in an unpredictable way.
- To consider implementing a contract duration that is in line with the rules and principles of competition for the broadcasting rights of the Copa and the Supercopa in EU countries and other European countries.

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