

The CNMC is investigating several operators in the Spanish energy sector.

- Between 28 November and 2 December, the CNMC inspected the headquarters of several companies operating in this sector.
- The Commission is analysing alleged anti-competitive practices that could violate the Spanish Competition Act and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

Madrid, 14 December 2022.- The CNMC has opened an investigation into various operators active in the Spanish energy sector for alleged anti-competitive practices.

Between 28 November and 2 December 2022, the CNMC carried out inspections at the headquarters of several operators in the Spanish energy sector in the framework of a confidential inquiry opened following the submission of several complaints.

Should anti-competitive practices be confirmed in this market, they could constitute an infringement of Articles 1 and 2 of the Spanish Competition Act and Articles 101 and 102 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

Inspections are a preliminary step in the investigation process of alleged anti-competitive practices and do not prejudice the outcome of the investigation or the culpability of the concerned undertakings.

If, as a result of the inspection, there is evidence of practices prohibited by the Spanish Competition Act and by the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, a disciplinary proceeding is formally initiated.

The CNMC would like to point out that anti-competitive practices and abuses of a dominant position constitute a very serious infringement of competition law, which can lead to fines of up to 10% of the total turnover of the offending undertakings in the financial year preceding the year in which the fine is imposed.