

## **The CNMC investigates possible anti-competitive practices in the sector of professional hairdressing products**

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- These dawn raids or inspections are a preliminary step leading to the possible formal initiation of disciplinary proceedings.

**Madrid, 2 June 2023.-** The Spanish National Markets and Competition Commission (CNMC) is investigating possible anti-competitive practices consisting of imposing resale prices and other commercial conditions on distributors in the professional hairdressing products sector.

These practices are contrary to Article 1 of the [Spanish Competition Act](#) (LDC) and Article 101 of the [Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union](#) (TFEU).

From 23 to 25 May, the CNMC carried out dawn raids at the premises of a company operating in this market. These inspections are part of an investigation opened by the CNMC following a complaint.

Inspections or dawn raids 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 companies. If the CNMC finds any evidence of practices prohibited by the [Spanish Competition Act](#) or the [Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union](#) as a result of the inspections, it will formally initiate disciplinary proceedings.

The CNMC would like to point out that vertical restrictions constitute a very serious infringement of competition law, which can lead to fines of up to 10% of the total turnover of the infringing companies.