

The CNMC investigates possible anti-competitive practices in the market for the supply of digital pharmaceutical logistics tools for pharmacies in Spain

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Madrid, 27 October 2023.- The National Markets and Competition Commission (CNMC) is investigating possible anti-competitive practices in the market for the supply of digital pharmaceutical logistics tools for pharmacies in Spain.

From 23 to 26 October 2023, CNMC staff carried out a dawn raid at the premises of a pharmaceutical company, as part of an ex officio investigation into the alleged existence of anti-competitive practices in the aforementioned market. If these practices are confirmed, they could constitute an infringement of Articles 1 and 2 of the Spanish Competition Law and Articles 101 and 102 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

Inspections or dawn raids are a preliminary step in the investigation process of alleged anti-competitive behaviour and do not prejudge the outcome of the investigation or the culpability of the concerned undertaking.

If, as a result of such dawn raids, evidence of anti-competitive practices prohibited by the Spanish Competition Act is found, the CNMC will formally initiate infringement proceedings.

The aforementioned practices could be considered a very serious infringement of competition law, which may entail fines of up to 10% of the total turnover of the infringing companies in the financial year immediately preceding the year in which the fine is imposed.