

The CNMC investigates possible anti-competitive practices in the field of rail freight transport and rail traction services

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Madrid, 27 October 2023.- The National Markets and Competition Commission (CNMC) is investigating possible anti-competitive practices in the field of rail freight services and in the provision of rail traction services for freight transport.

Between 24 and 27 October 2023, the CNMC carried out dawn raids at the premises of several operators in the Spanish railway sector.

Possible anti-competitive practices in this sector 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](#). In addition, some of these practices could involve a breach of surveillance of the CNMC's Decision of 28 February 2017 in case [S/DC/0511/14](#).

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 undertaking. They are a preliminary step leading to the possible formal initiation of infringement proceedings.

The CNMC would like to point out that agreements between competitors and abuses of a dominant position constitute a very serious infringement of competition law, which may entail fines of up to 10% of the total turnover of the infringing undertakings in the financial year preceding the year in which the fine is imposed.

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