

The CNMC investigates possible anti-competitive practices in the international moving sector in Spain

- Possible agreements on market sharing, price fixing or commercial conditions, as well as the exchange of sensitive information among companies in the sector, are being analysed.
- Between 20 and 23 October, the CNMC carried out inspections at the headquarters of several companies operating in this market.
- The investigation originates from the monitoring of the 2016 sanctioning case, in which the CNMC fined 15 companies for market-sharing and price-fixing practices.
- The inspections represent a preliminary step toward the possible initiation of a sanctioning procedure.

Madrid, 29 October 2025 – The Spanish National Markets and Competition Commission (CNMC) is investigating possible anti-competitive practices in the provision of international moving services in Spain.

Specifically, the investigation focuses on market sharing, price and/or commercial condition fixing, and the exchange of sensitive commercial information among companies in the sector. They would affect the door-to-door transport of furniture and personal belongings, both in exports (from Spain to other countries) and imports (from other countries to Spain), as well as relocations between third countries.

These anti-competitive practices could constitute a violation of Article 1 of the Spanish Competition Act (LDC) and Article 101 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), in addition to a possible breach of the sanctioning resolution of 6 September 2016 ([S/DC/0544/14](#)).

Infringement proceeding and new actions by the CNMC

In 2016, the CNMC sanctioned 15 moving companies for anti-competitive practices similar to those now under investigation ([S/DC/0544/14](#)). The Spanish National Court confirmed this resolution with respect to the conduct in question.

The CNMC subsequently opened a monitoring case to ensure that the sanctioned companies complied with the resolution and ceased their practices.

As part of this monitoring, the CNMC detected new indications of possible anti-competitive conduct. As a result, between 20 and 23 October 2025, it carried out on-site inspections at the headquarters of several companies operating in the international moving sector.

These inspections are a preliminary step within the investigation and do not prejudge the outcome or the responsibility of the companies involved.

If evidence of practices prohibited by the Competition Act (LDC) and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) is confirmed, the CNMC could initiate infringement proceedings.

Very serious infringements

The CNMC reminds that both agreements between competitors and non-compliance with CNMC resolutions constitute very serious infringements of the LDC, which may be penalised with fines of up to 10% of the total turnover of the offending companies.

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