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Madrid, 27 November 2025.- The Spanish National Markets and Competition Commission (CNMC) is investigating possible anti-competitive practices in the market for private healthcare services and in health consultancy activities.

Specifically, the investigation concerns the possible existence of agreements or concerted practices among companies operating in these areas, as well as a potential abuse of a dominant position by some firms providing private healthcare services. If confirmed, these practices could constitute an infringement of abuse of Articles 1.1 and 2 of the Spanish Competition Act (Ley de Defensa de la Competencia).

Between 18 and 21 November 2025, the CNMC inspected the premises of several companies, in collaboration with the regional competition authority of one of the territories where the investigated companies are located.

These inspections are a preliminary step before the possible opening of infringement proceedings and do not prejudge the outcome of the investigation nor the guilt of the inspected companies.

## Very serious infringements

Agreements between competitors constitute a very serious infringement of competition regulations (Spanish Competition Act), which can lead to fines of up to 10% of the total turnover of the companies in the financial year preceding the imposition of the fine.

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