

## The CNMC Investigates Several Agricultural Machinery Distributors for Market Allocation and Price Fixing

- A sanctioning process has been initiated against Agroferba, S.L., Talleres Villalvilla, S.L., and Ecotractor del Sur, S.L.
- The Agricultural Association of Young Farmers (Asaja) filed a complaint for potential anti-competitive practices.
- In September 2023, the CNMC inspected the premises of Talleres • Villalvilla, S.L., and on 18 and 19 June 2024, the premises of Agroferba, S.L.

Madrid, 6 March 2025. The Spanish National Markets and Competition Commission (CNMC) is investigating Agroferba, S.L., Talleres Villalvilla, S.L., and Ecotractor del Sur, S.L. for possible market allocation and information exchange and/or price fixing in the agricultural machinery distribution market (S/0003/25).

These actions are contrary to Article 1 of Act 15/2007 of 3 July on the Defence of Competition (LDC). Specifically, the CNMC investigates:

- In the case of Agroferba, S.L. and Talleres Villalvilla, S.L., a possible • allocation of clients in the agricultural machinery distribution market by responsibility zones.
- In the case of Agroferba, S.L. and Ecotractor del Sur, S.L., the allocation • of clients and exchanges of information and/or price fixing in the agricultural machinery distribution market.

## Investigation

The investigation was initiated based on a complaint filed by the Agricultural Association of Young Farmers (Asaja). Subsequently, on 26 and 27 September 2023, the CNMC inspected the premises of Talleres Villalvilla, S.L. (press release). On 18 and 19 June 2024, the CNMC inspected the premises of Agroferba, S.L. (press release).

The initiation of these proceedings in no way prejudges the final outcome of the investigation. There is now a time limit of 24 months for the adoption of a decision on the case.

## **Related content:**

- S/0003/25
- Press release (24/06/2024): The CNMC is continuing its investigation into possible anti-competitive practices in the agricultural machinery distribution market
- Press release (04/10/2023): The CNMC investigates possible anti-• competitive practices in the market for the distribution of agricultural machinery

