

CNMC expands investigation into Apple over possible pricing agreements in its app store

- The infringement proceedings began a year ago, as the company may be abusing its dominant market position.
- It allegedly imposes certain conditions on developers for using the Apple Group's App Stores.
- The investigation is now being expanded to examine possible anti-competitive practices related to setting a pricing schedule in its App Store.

Madrid, 29 July 2025. The Spanish National Markets and Competition Commission (CNMC) has expanded the sanctioning proceedings it initiated in [July 2024](#) against the Apple group, due to new evidence that may 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) ([Case S/0005/24](#)).

Case initiation

In July 2024, the CNMC initiated an ex officio investigation ([press release](#)) against Apple Distribution International Ltd. and Apple Inc. (Apple), as the company may have been engaging in anticompetitive practices by imposing unfair commercial conditions on developers using the Apple Group's App Stores to distribute applications to users of Apple products. Such practices are contrary to Article 2 of the LDC and Article 102 of the TFEU.

Expansion of the proceedings

The CNMC is now investigating whether Apple may have established a pricing schedule that developers are required to follow in order to distribute their apps in its stores. This would constitute a restrictive practice of competition among businesses, thereby expanding the scope of the case to include Article 1 of the LDC and Article 101 of the TFEU.

The expansion of the proceedings does not prejudice the outcome of the investigation. The maximum period of 24 months from the date the case was initiated remains in effect for the investigation and resolution.

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- [S/0005/24](#)
- [Press release](#) (24/07/2024): The CNMC is investigating the Apple group for possible anti-competitive practices related to the distribution of applications on its devices