

The Autorité starts inquiries *ex officio* into the product rating systems sector

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The *Autorité de la concurrence* has decided to start inquiries *ex officio* to analyse the competitive functioning of the product rating systems sector, which aims to provide consumers with information on the sustainability-related characteristics of consumer products and services.

This opinion will assess the role of product rating systems as a parameter of competition, as the information provided by the system is likely to influence purchasing decisions. The *Autorité* will also consider the extent to which the rating systems encourage companies to innovate to create products or services that are more virtuous in terms of sustainability.

In addition, the *Autorité* will examine the operation of the systems, which involve players at various stages of the value chain, and will consider any practices implemented by these players that could have an impact on competition.

Lastly, the *Autorité* will examine the consequences of the multiplication and coexistence of rating systems within the same sector.

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