Unannounced inspections in the sectors for the manufacture and distribution of explosives for civil uses and blasting and drilling for quarries and public works

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The General Rapporteur of the *Autorité de la concurrence* indicates that unannounced inspections were carried out in the sectors for the manufacture and distribution of explosives for civil uses and blasting and drilling for quarries and public works

Following authorisation from a liberty and custody judge, the Investigation Services of the *Autorité de la concurrence* carried out unannounced inspections on 16 May, at the premises of companies suspected of having implemented anticompetitive practices in the sectors for the manufacture and distribution of explosives for civil uses and blasting and drilling for quarries and public works.

Such inspections do not prejudge the guilt of the companies concerned by the alleged practices, which can only be established following an investigation on the merits.

The *Autorité de la concurrence* will not comment further, either on the companies or on the practices in question.

Compliance

Information for undertakings

For the purposes of informing undertakings not concerned by the unannounced inspections and thereby ensuring equal access to the leniency programme for these undertakings, the *Autorité* publishes a press release at the end of the unannounced inspections, except in special circumstances. This press release does not mention the identity of the undertakings visited, and is without prejudice to the presumption of innocence.

Do you have concerns about past or current practices?
Act promptly and apply for our leniency programme, which enables you to report information to the *Autorité de la concurrence* that may help to establish the existence of anticompetitive practices.
For an initial informal and confidential discussion, please contact Anne Krenzer, our Leniency Officer, at +33 1 55 04 00 46 or by e-mail.

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