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On 1st June 2004, the *Conseil de la concurrence*, having assumed jurisdiction on its own initiative, launched an inquiry into professional football rights management and advertising in stadiums, with the aim of determining the existence and extent of the practices being looked for.

As part of this inquiry - and with the authorization of the courts - investigators from the French Directorate General of Competition, Consumption and the Repression of Fraud yesterday conducted a series of simultaneous searches at various clubs, businesses and institutions concerned by the proceedings.

The *Conseil de la concurrence* will not comment on this ongoing case.