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The *Autorité de la concurrence* has decided to initiate an in-depth examination of the NMPP's operation to acquire 38 depots

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The NMPP notified *the Autorité* of their acquisition of 100% of the capital of the company TURINVEST, the holding company that controls Soprocom, the owner of thirty-eight warehouses in the press distribution sector.

At the end of the first phase of examination, during which a consultation was launched with the main actors in this sector, the *Autorité de la concurrence* considers that this operation brings forth questions, given the dominant position held by NMPP in the upstream press messaging service market. An in-depth examination is therefore considered necessary.

In principle, the texts call for this examination to be carried out within 65 business days of the launch of phase 2, with a possibiliy to lengthen this timeframe if necessary, for example in order to complete the finalizing of commitments, or in order to consider the occurrence of a new fact.