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The *Autorité de la concurrence* clears the takeover by Carrefour of its franchisee Guyenne et Gascogne, which operates thirty-four food superstores in the south-west of France.

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The *Autorité de la concurrence* has just cleared the takeover by Carrefour SA – head holding company of the Carrefour group – of Guyenne et Gascogne – head holding company of the Guyenne et Gascogne group –, which operates seven hypermarkets in the south-west of France¹ under the brand name Carrefour and twenty-seven supermarkets² under the brand names Carrefour Market and Champion, in accordance with affiliation agreements concluded with Carrefour from 1997 onwards.

The *Autorité de la concurrence* considers that this operation would not harm competition either on the upstream nationwide procurement markets or on the downstream local food retail markets affected by the operation. The *Autorité* considers that several competing brands are already active in each of the areas concerned and are in a position to compete effectively with Carrefour.

¹ *These hypermarkets are located in Auch, Cahors, Condom, Dax, Mont-de-Marsan, Saint Jean de Luz and Tarnos.*

² *These supermarkets are located in Amendieux Oneix, Arudy, Pouzac, Bayonne, Cambo-les-Bains, Dax, Hagetmau, Hendaye, Lannemezan, Léon, Montréjeau, Nérac, Oloron, Pau, Peyrehorade, Pomarez, Salies-de-Béarn, Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port, Saint Pierre d'Irube, Tarbes, Tarnos, Tartas, Urt, Valence-sur-Baïse and Villeneuve-de-Marsan.*

> Full text of Decision 12-DCC-63 of 9 May 2012 will soon be published on our website

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