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The General Rapporteur of the Autorité de la concurrence indicates that unannounced inspections

have been carried out in the inter-island air passenger traffic sector.

Following authorisation from the liberty and custody judge, the investigation services of the *Autorité de la concurrence*, with the assistance of services of the Directorate General for Competition Policy, Consumer Affairs and Fraud Control (DIECCTE) have raided yesterday the premises of companies in Guadeloupe and French Guiana suspected of having engaged in possible anticompetitive practices in the inter-island air passenger traffic sector.

Such interventions do not, of course, pre-suppose the existence of a breach of the law which could be imputed to the companies involved in the alleged practices, which only a full investigation into the merits of the case could establish, if appropriate.

The *Autorité* will not comment on the identity of the companies nor on the practices implemented.