

## **24 January 2018: The General Rapporteur of the *Autorité de la concurrence* indicates that unannounced inspections have been carried out in the sector of production, import and distribution of tobacco products**

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Following authorisation from the liberty and custody judge, the investigation services of the *Autorité de la concurrence* have raided yesterday the premises of companies suspected of having engaged in possible anticompetitive practices in the sector of production, import and distribution of tobacco products.

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.