



Norwegian Competition Authority considers to temporarily prohibiting the implementation of the cooperation agreement between ICA and Norgesgruppen

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Today, the Norwegian Competition Authority issued a notification in which it was stated that the Norwegian Competition Authority is considering prohibiting the implementation of the cooperation agreement between ICA and Norgesgruppen.

This is just a notification and not a formal decision that right now poses an obstacle to the ongoing implementation.

ICA's view is, and has been, that our cooperation agreement with Norgesgruppen is in compliance with relevant competition legislation.

ICA has until March 8, 2013, to respond to the notification.

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