Competition enforcement in antitrust and cartels

European Commission | COMPETITION

Since the start of this mandate (December 2019), the Commission has adopted 34 final decisions in antitrust and cartels*, levelling +€4.9 billion in fines and accepted commitments putting an end to anti-competitive practices in 8 cases. Furthermore, the Commission also opened 16 new investigations, adopted 18 Statements of Objections and issued the preliminary results of its enquiry into the sector of Internet of Things (IoT) for consumer-related products and services. Antitrust enforcement covers many sectors of the economy (pharmaceuticals, energy, financial services, transport, digital markets, etc...).

NBCUniversal
LICENSED FILM MERCHANDISE
Restricting traders from selling licensed merchandise within the EEA
Fine: €14.3 Million
January 2020

Meliá
TOURISM
Restrictive clauses in agreements with tour operators
Fine: €6.7 Million
February 2020

Transgaz
ENERGY
Abuse of dominance: restricting exports to another Member State
Commitments Decision
March 2020

Apple
INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES
Apple mobile payments
Abuse of dominance
Apple Pay Practices
Investigation opening
June 2020

Apple
INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES
Apple e-books
Abuse of dominance
App Store Practices
Investigation opening
June 2020

Apple
INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES
Music streaming
Abuse of dominance
App Store Practices
Investigation opening
June 2020

Ethylene
CHEMICALS
Cartel: collusion on purchasing price
Fine: €260.4 Million
July 2020

Consumer Internet of Things
Sector Inquiry Opening
July 2020

CCPL
FOOD PACKAGING (READOPTION)
Cartel: price fixing and customer allocation
Fine: €9.4 Million
December 2020

Cephalon, Teva
PHARMACEUTICALS
Pay-for-Delay
Fine: €60.5 Million
November 2020

Amazon
INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES
Abuse of dominance: use of non-public independent seller data
Statement of Objections
November 2020

Amazon
INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES
Abuse of dominance: e-Commerce, "Buy box" and Prime
Investigation opening
November 2020

Broadcom
INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES
Abuse of dominance: agreements containing exclusivity or quasi-exclusivity
Commitments Decision
October 2020

Czech Rail
TRANSPORT
Abuse of dominance: predatory pricing
Statement of Objections
October 2020

Conserve Italia
FOOD
Cartel: price fixing
Statement of Objections
October 2020

Closure Systems
AUTOMOTIVE PARTS
Cartel: coordinated pricing behaviour
Fine: €18 Million
September 2020

*2 of these were re-adoption decisions

Video Games
INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY
Geoblocking
Fine: €7.8 Million
January 2021

Mondelez
FOOD
Restricting parallel trade
Investigation opening
January 2021

Aspen
PHARMACEUTICALS
Abuse of dominance: excessive pricing
Commitments Decision
February 2021

Public Power Corporation
ENERGY
Abuse of dominance: predatory bidding strategies
Investigation opening
March 2021

Teva Copaxone
PHARMACEUTICALS
Abuse of dominance
Misuse of patent system; exclusionary disparagement
Investigation opening
March 2021

EPEX Spot
ENERGY
Abuse of dominance: hindering competitors' activities
Investigation opening
March 2021

Rail Cargo
TRANSPORT
Cartel: customer allocation
Fine: €48 Million
April 2021

EIRD
FINANCE
Cartel: information exchange in Euro Interest Rate Derivatives Re-adoption Decision
Fine: €31.7 Million
June 2021

Insurance Ireland
MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE
Restricting access to data
Statement of Objections
June 2021

Facebook
INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES
Abuse of dominance: misuse of data received from external advertisers
Investigation opening
June 2021

ICAP
FINANCE
Cartel facilitator Yen Interest Rate Derivatives Decision re-adoption
Fine: €6.45 Million
May 2021

European Government Bonds
FINANCE
Cartel: exchange of commercially sensitive information
Fine: €371 Million
May 2021

Supra-Sovereign, Sovereign and Agency (SSA) Bonds
FINANCE
Cartel: exchange of commercially sensitive information
Fine: €28 Million
April 2021

Apple
INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES
Music Streaming Abuse of dominance App store practices
Statement of Objections
April 2021

Google
INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES
Google Data and Adtech Abuse of Dominance Set of practices strengthening Google's market power in display advertising
Investigation opening
June 2021

Car Emissions
MOTOR VEHICLES
Cartel: collusion on innovation
Fine: €875 Million
July 2021

Public Power Corporation
ENERGY
Granting of exclusive rights. Application of Article 106 TFEU
Commitments Decision
September 2021

Conserve Italia
FOOD
Cartel: price fixing
Fine: €20 Million
November 2021

FOREX (Foreign Exchange)
FINANCE
Cartel: Exchange of sensitive information
Fine: €334.395 Million
December 2021

Abengoa
ETHANOL
Cartel: Coordinated trading behaviour
Fine: €20 Million
December 2021

Vifor Pharma
IRON DEFICIENCY MEDICINE
Abuse of dominance
Exclusionary disparagement
Investigation opening
June 2022

České dráhy and Österreichische Bundesbahnen
SECOND HAND ROLLING STOCK
Anti-Competitive Agreement
Collective Boycott
Statement of Objections
June 2022

Apple
INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES
Apple Mobile Payments
Abuse of Dominance
Apple Practices regarding Apple Pay
Statement of Objections
May 2022

Google and Meta
ONLINE DISPLAY ADVERTISING
Anti-Competitive Agreement
Investigation opening
March 2022

Pierre Cardin and Ahlers
CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES
Restriction of sales of licensed products, cross-border, online, and to specific customers
Investigation opening
March 2022

Telefónica and Pharol
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
Non-Compete Agreement
Decision re-adoption
Fine: €79 Million
January 2022

Insurance Ireland
MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE
Restricting access to data
Commitments Decision
June 2022

Ethanol Benchmarks
BIOFUELS
Cartel: Coordinated trading behaviour
Statement of Objections
July 2022

Network Sharing Czech Republic
MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS
Technical and financial limitations to infrastructure competition
Commitments Decision
July 2022

Crown and Silgan
METAL CANS AND CLOSURES
Cartel: information sharing on sales volumes, pricing and durability guarantees
Fine: €31.5 Million
July 2022

Teva Copaxone
PHARMACEUTICALS
Abuse of dominance
Misuse of patent system; exclusionary disparagement
Statement of Objections
October 2022

Styrene Monomer
CHEMICALS
Cartel: collusion on purchasing price
Fine: €157 Million
November 2022

Amazon
INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES
Abuse of dominance: use of non-public independent seller data, "Buy Box" and Prime bias
Commitments Decision
December 2022

Meta
INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES
Abuse of dominance: tying and unfair trading conditions on data use related to classified ads
Statement of Objections
December 2022

Google and Meta
ONLINE DISPLAY ADVERTISING
Investigation closed
December 2022

Euro-denominated Bonds Trading
FINANCIAL SERVICES
Cartel: Collusion on pricing and trading strategy
Exchange of commercially sensitive information
Statement of Objections
December 2022

Apple
INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES
Music Streaming
Abuse of dominance
App store practices
Replacement Statement of Objections
February 2023

Renfe
ONLINE RAIL TICKETING
Abuse of Dominance
Refusal to provide full content and real time data to third parties ticketing platforms
Investigation opening
April 2023

Google
INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES
Google Data and Adtech
Abuse of Dominance
Set of practices strengthening Google's market power in display advertising intermediation
Statement of Objections
June 2023

Microsoft
INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES
Abuse of Dominance
Product tying
Investigation opening
July 2023

Pierre Cardin and Ahlers
CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES
Restriction of sales of licensed products, cross-border, online, and to specific customers
Statement of Objections
July 2023

Intel
COMPUTER CHIPS
Abuse of Dominance
Halt or delay sale of computer products containing competitor's chips
Fine:
€376.36 Million
September 2023

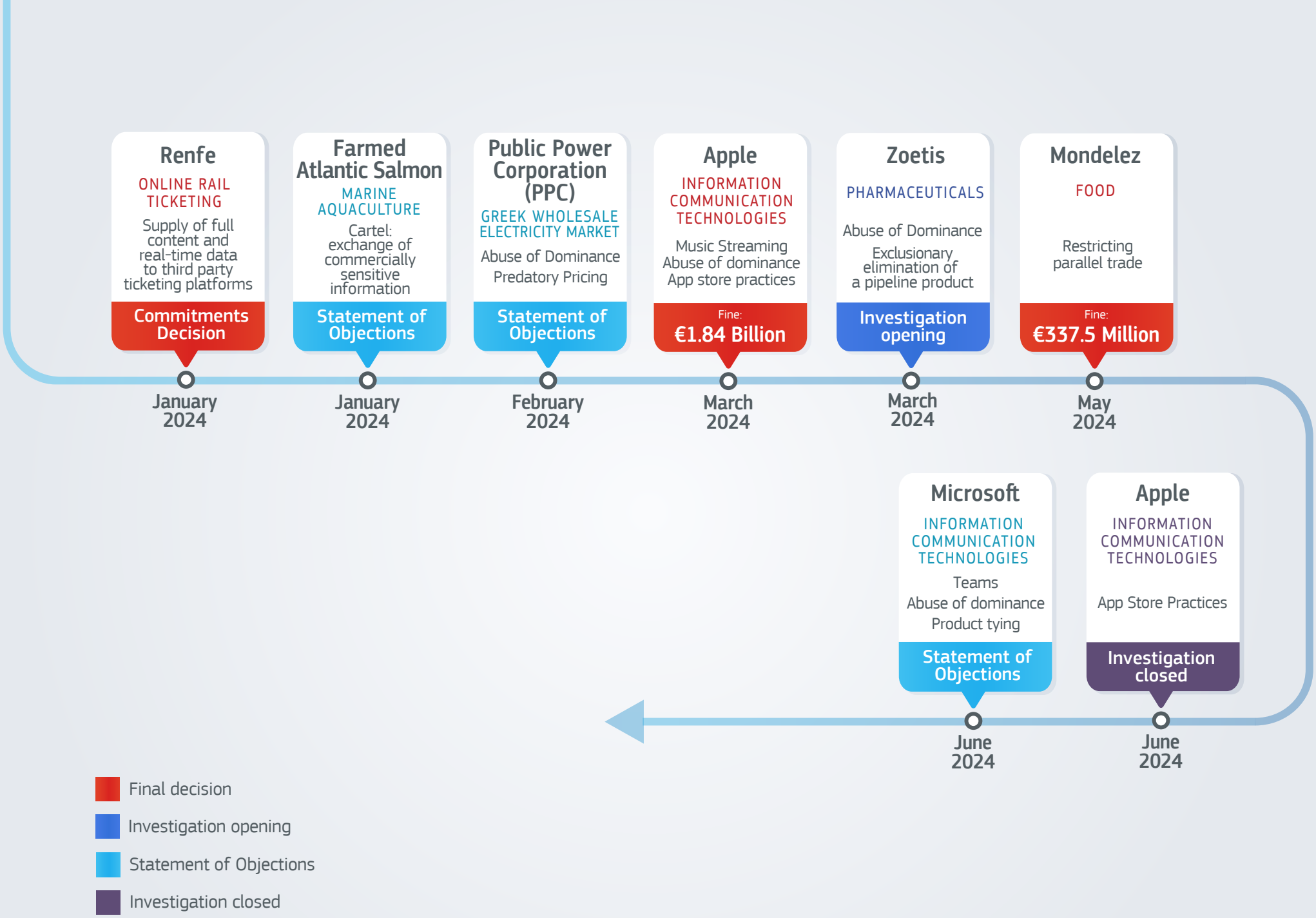
Ethanol Benchmarks
PRICE BENCHMARKS FOR ETHANOL
Cartel: Coordinated trading, limiting supply, exchange of commercially sensitive information
Fine:
€47.7 Million
December 2023

Automotive Starter Batteries
MANUFACTURE OF BATTERIES AND ACCUMULATORS
Cartel: Price Fixing
Statement of Objections
November 2023

Euro-Denominated Bonds
FINANCE
Cartel: Exchange of commercially sensitive information. Coordination of trading and pricing strategies
Fine:
€26.6 Million
November 2023

SNBB
PHARMACEUTICALS
Cartel:
Price Fixing and quota allocation
Fine:
€13.4 Million
October 2023

Hand Grenades
WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION
Cartel:
allocation of national market
Fine:
€1.2 Million
September 2023


Renfe
ONLINE RAIL TICKETING
Supply of full content and real-time data to third party ticketing platforms
Commitments Decision
January 2024
Farmed Atlantic Salmon
MARINE AQUACULTURE
Cartel: exchange of commercially sensitive information
Statement of Objections
January 2024
Public Power Corporation (PPC)
GREEK WHOLESALE ELECTRICITY MARKET
Abuse of Dominance
Predatory Pricing
Statement of Objections
February 2024
Apple
INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES
Music Streaming
Abuse of dominance
App store practices
Fine:
€1.84 Billion
March 2024
Zoetis
PHARMACEUTICALS
Abuse of Dominance
Exclusionary elimination of a pipeline product
Investigation opening
March 2024
Mondelez
FOOD
Restricting parallel trade
Fine:
€337.5 Million
May 2024
Microsoft
INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES
Teams
Abuse of dominance
Product tying
Statement of Objections
June 2024
Apple
INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES
App Store Practices
Investigation closed
June 2024
Final decision
Investigation opening
Statement of Objections
Investigation closed