



HELLENIC REPUBLIC  
HELLENIC COMPETITION COMMISSION

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### **Investigation (following complaints) into alleged infringements of Articles 1 and 2a of Law 703/77 and Article 101 TFEU by the retailer Carrefour Marinopoulos**

Following the issuing of a statement of objections, the designated Chamber of the Hellenic Competition Commission will convene and hear a case of alleged infringements of Articles 1 and 2a of Law 703/77 and Article 101 TFEU in connection with the franchise system for the operation of «5'Μαρινόπουλος» retail outlets by Carrefour Marinopoulos.

According to the statement of objections, the investigation concerning the relevant franchise system revealed practices which amount *inter alia* to resale price maintenance and a restriction of cross-supplies between distributors within the selective distribution system of Carrefour Marinopoulos.

**The issuing of a statement of objections does not prejudice the existence of an infringement. The Hellenic Competition Commission will decide upon the case, taking into account all relevant facts and after hearing all implicated parties.**