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on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission became aware of the reported practice through this question and related publicly available information. The Commission currently lacks sufficient information to verify the circumstances of the practice described.

Directive (EU) 2019/633¹ ('the Directive') and Regulation (EU) 2026/697² ('the Regulation'), aim to ensure the effective application of the law against unfair trading practices in the EU. The Regulation covers only the rules that have been subject to minimum harmonisation at the EU level and thus does not allow for extraterritorial application of national laws, in line with EU and private international law. The enforcement authorities may cooperate on their national laws going beyond the Directive, subject to the conditions of the Regulation.

In addition, the Commission together with the national competition authorities, cooperating within the European Competition Network, vigorously enforce competition rules in the food supply chain to ensure the correct functioning of the internal market.

The Commission is currently preparing a revision of the Directive, that will be accompanied by an impact assessment and will focus on addressing gaps identified in its evaluation³. The Commission cannot comment on the content of ongoing preparatory legislative action at this stage.

¹ Directive (EU) 2019/633 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 on unfair trading practices in business-to-business relationships in the agricultural and food supply chain, OJ L 111, 25.4.2019, pp. 59–72.

² Regulation (EU) 2026/697 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2026 on cooperation among enforcement authorities responsible for the enforcement of Directive (EU) 2019/633 on unfair trading practices in business-to-business relationships in the agricultural and food supply chain, OJ L, 2026/697, 20.3.2026.

³ Evaluation of the Directive (EU) 2019/633 on unfair trading practices in business-to-business relationships in the agricultural and food supply chain Accompanying the document, SWD/2025/405 final.