

More effective cartel investigations by the GVH

The GVH undertook structural reorganisation in order to facilitate stricter and more efficient enforcement of cartel rules.

With the aim of putting in place a more effective investigation of the most egregious hard core cartels, the GVH has established a Cartel Detection Section. The Section has been set up solely to gather all the necessary information, including the carrying out of dawn raids, needed for case initiation. The bringing of competition supervision proceedings will be the task of another newly established unit, namely that of the Cartel Investigation Team. The new units started operating on 15 April 2013.

The fight against cartels is regarded highly important by the GVH as these practices have harmful effect on the whole economy, resulting in serious and direct consumer detriment, and overall fall in efficiency.

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