



**REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA**  
**-COMPETITION AUTHORITY-**  
**Competition Commission**

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Tirana, on 01.10.2007

**D E C I S I O N**

**Nr. 57 , Dated 01. 10. 2007**

**On**

**“The Abolishment of the Agreement in the Bread Production Market in  
Fier District”**

Pursuant to Article 24, letter “d”, and Article 45 of Law No. 9121, dated 28.07.2003, titled “On the Protection of Competition”, the Competition Commission, on the meeting held on 01.10.2007, reviewed the Report of the Work Group on the conclusion of the proceedings of Preliminary Investigation, initiated through Decision No. 455, dated 29.08.2007, presented by the Secretary General, and the results of the inspections performed accordingly.

Upon review of the above,

**NOTED THAT:**

1. The companies under investigation, specifically: “Marlen” sh.p.k , “Basha” sh.p.k, “Apollonia B” shpk, “Fatri Zijaj”, “Vladimir Resuli”, “Lavdije Ramaj” (Patos), “Genci Numanaj”(Patos), “Sokol Malaj” (Ballsh), “Ylber Shameti” (Ballsh), “Valter Veizi” (Ballsh), on 08.08.2007, have entered into an agreement that is in breach of Article 4, paragraph 1, letter “a” of Law No. 9121, dated 28.07.2003, titled “On Protection of Competition”, because:

1. Fixes the prices of massive bread at 100 Lek;
2. Increases the prices of other types of bread products by around 17%.

2. This agreement, which has become effective on 16.08.2007, constitutes a serious violation of competition because the companies participating in the agreement, eliminate competition between themselves, by fixing the sale price, an

action that contradicts Article 4, paragraph 1, letter “a” of Law No. 9121, dated 28.07.2003, titled “On Protection of Competition”, and, according to the Article 74, paragraph 1, letter “a” of the same, constitutes a serious offence.

**FOR THE ABOVE REASONS:**

Pursuant to Article 24, letter “d”, and Article 45 of Law No. 9121, dated 28.07.2003, titled “On the Protection of Competition”, and Article 61 of the Code for Administrative Procedures, the Competition Commission,

**DECIDED:**

1. The abolishment of the agreement entered on 08.08.2007 between the bread production companies in Fier District, specifically the following companies: “Marlen” Sh.p.k, “Basha” Sh.p.k, “Apollonia B”, “Fatri Zijaj”, “Vladimir Resuli”, “Lavdiqe Ramaj” (Patos), “Genci Numanaj” (Patos), “Sokol Malaj” (Ballsh), “Ylber Shameti” (Ballsh), “Valter Veizi” (Ballsh), as an unlawful agreement, in breach of Article 4, paragraph 1, letter “a” of Law No. 9121, dated 28.07.2003, titled “On Protection of Competition”.
2. The Secretary General is in charge for the continuation of the investigation, in order to determine the consequences of the anti-competition performance, as well as the notification of the parties subjected to investigation.
3. The deadline for the closing of the proceedings and the decisionmaking by the Competition Commission is 45 days within the proclamation of this decision.
4. This decision enters into effect immediately.

This Decision was proclaimed today, on 01.10. 2007, in Tirana.

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