

PRESS RELEASE

The Competition Commission, in its meeting on 10.05.2024, considered the proposed concentration obtained through the acquisition of control of the undertaking Officine Maccaferri - S.P.A. from the undertaking Ambienta SGR SPA through the undertaking HoldCo 69 S.R.L.

The concentration will not create overlaps or upstream or downstream relationships between the activities of the parties at the national level and for these reasons, the intended transaction will not bring change and will not have an impact on the Albanian market.

For these reasons, the Competition Commission by Decision no. 1076, dated 10.05.2024, decided to authorize the proposed concentration obtained through the acquisition of control the undertaking Officine Maccaferri - S.P.A. from the undertaking Ambienta SGR SPA through the undertaking HoldCo 69 S.R.L.

Also, the Competition Commission considered the case for the postponement of the exemption deadline for the agreement concluded between the undertakings Swixx Biopharma AG and Sanofi Winthrop Industrie.

After the implementation of the Agreement, the competitive conditions of the market will remain the same because Swixx Biopharma will distribute the Products within Sanofi's prescription product portfolio, which Sanofi previously distributed through its own distribution network in Albania. (authorized wholesalers).

The proposed period for the postponement of the exemption of the agreement until 1 January 2027, is not expected to bring changes in the structure of the market and therefore the approval of the postponement of the exemption will not bring effects on the competition in the market.

For these reasons, the Competition Commission by Decision no. 1077, dated 10.05.2024, decided to postpone the deadline for the exemption from the prohibition of the Distribution Agreement between the parties Swixx Biopharma AG and Sanofi Winthrop Industrie. The agreement's opt-out period will be until 1 January 2027.

In addition, please consult the official website of the Competition Authority at <http://caa.gov.al> .