

Dutch and Belgian enforcers raid IT company

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Enforcers in Belgium and the Netherlands have raided an unnamed international computer equipment manufacturer over allegations that it unlawfully set retail prices and prevented the sale of refurbished devices.

The Dutch authority said in a statement today that it raided the unnamed company together with the Belgian Competition Authority over concerns it dictated prices to retailers and what clients they could sell to. The agency said it is additionally investigating the company's distributors.

The watchdog also raised concerns that the company has refused to allow retailers to sell refurbished devices, warning that this would harm competition and sustainability.

The Belgian Competition Authority was contacted for comment.

Maverick Advocaten partner Cyriel Ruers in Amsterdam noted that restrictions on the sale of recycled devices is a "hot topic" within the agency given its [stance on sustainability](#).

The move demonstrates the ACM's continued commitment to investigating vertical arrangements following a lack of enforcement for nearly two decades, he added.

The agency [issued](#) LG with an €8 million fine last month for unlawfully recommending resale prices for television sets.

In September 2021, the watchdog [fined](#) Samsung over €39 million for coordinating the prices of its televisions with seven online retailers.

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