

Opinion of the Advisory Committee on restrictive practices and dominant positions given at its 429th meeting of 9 July 2007 concerning a draft decision relating to Case COMP/E-2/39.143 — Opel

(2007/C 304/10)

1. The members of the Advisory Committee agree with the Commission that in the light of the practices described in the draft decision, the agreements entered into between General Motors Europe and its authorised Opel/Vauxhall service partners are liable to raise competition concerns on the motor vehicle aftermarket.
2. The members of the Advisory Committee agree with the Commission that the proceedings in this case can be concluded by means of a decision pursuant to Article 9(1) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2003 ⁽¹⁾.
3. The members of the Advisory Committee agree with the Commission that in the light of the commitments offered by General Motors Europe, there are no longer grounds for action by the Commission, without prejudice to the provisions of Article 9(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1/2003.
4. The members of the Advisory Committee agree with the Commission that General Motors Europe should be bound by the commitments until 31 May 2010.
5. The members of the Advisory Committee ask the Commission to take into account all the other points raised during the discussion.
6. The members of the Advisory Committee recommend the publication of its opinion in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 1, 4.1.2003, p. 1.