

Notification of standard distribution agreements**(Case No IV/37.067 — Belgacom)**

(98/C 171/02)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 21 May 1998, the Commission received notification pursuant to Articles 2 and 4 of Council Regulation No 17 ⁽¹⁾ of standard distribution agreements which Belgacom, the Belgian incumbent telecommunications operator, intends to use for the distribution of telephone services and equipment in Belgium.
2. The notified standard agency agreements contain a non-compete clause, while agents which are also resellers of equipment, are bound by a non-compete as well as an exclusive purchasing obligation. The notified agreements apply for a term of three years with the possibility of a maximum prolongation of two years.
3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified agreements could fall within the scope of Regulation No 17.
4. The Commission invites interested parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed agreements.
5. Observations must reach the Commission not later than 20 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent by fax (No (32-2) 296 70 81) or by post, under reference IV/37.067 — Belgacom, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ 13, 21.2.1962, p. 204/62.