

Antitrust: Commission initiates formal proceedings against Microsoft

On 21 December 2007, the Commission decided to initiate antitrust proceedings in case COMP/C-3/39530 (Microsoft (Tying)) within the meaning of Article 11(6) of Regulation No 1/2003 and Article 2(1) of Regulation No 773/2004.

The proceedings were opened with a view to adopting a decision in application of Chapter III of Council Regulation No 1/2003 and concern alleged infringements of Article 82 EC by Microsoft Corp. through the tying of a range of products to sales of Microsoft's dominant operating system.

This initiation of proceedings does not imply that the Commission has proof of an infringement. It only signifies that the Commission will further investigate the case as a matter of priority.