

On 16 July 2015, the European Commission initiated formal antitrust proceedings against Qualcomm Incorporated for a suspected breach of EU rules prohibiting abuse of market dominance (Article 102 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union). The initiation of proceedings is based on Article 2(1) of Commission Regulation No 773/2004.

The Commission intends to investigate Qualcomm's pricing practices with regard to certain 3G (UMTS) standard-compliant chipsets used to deliver cellular mobile access for use in mobile broadband devices. In particular, the Commission will assess whether Qualcomm has sold those chipsets at prices below costs ("predatory pricing").

The opening of proceedings means that the Commission will examine the case as a matter of priority. It does not prejudice the outcome of the investigation.