

On 21/05/2010, the Commission decided to initiate antitrust proceedings in case COMP/B-1/39736 – Siemens/Areva within the meaning of Article 11(6) of Council Regulation No 1/2003 and Article 2(1) of Commission 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 various contractual restrictions, including non-compete obligations, having the object or effect of preventing competition in a broad field of products within the field of civil nuclear technology, at least in the EEA. Infringements within the meaning of Articles 101 and 102 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and Articles 53 and 54 of the EEA Agreement were allegedly committed by Areva SA, Areva NP SAS and Siemens AG, their subsidiaries and companies under their control.

The initiation of proceedings does not imply that the Commission has proof of an infringement – it only signifies that the Commission is dealing with the case as a matter of priority.