

On 12 January 2018, the European Commission initiated formal antitrust proceedings against a subsidiary of NBCUniversal for a suspected breach of EU rules (Article 101 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and Article 53 of the EEA Agreement).

The initiation of proceedings is based on Article 11(6) of the Antitrust Regulation (Council Regulation No 1/2003) and Article 2(1) of its implementing Regulation (Commission Regulation No 773/2004).

The Commission is extending to a subsidiary of NBCUniversal the proceedings already opened on 13 January 2014 against NBCUniversal. The opening of proceedings follows changes to NBCUniversal's corporate structure.

The initiation of proceedings does not signify that the Commission has made a definitive finding of an infringement but merely signifies that the Commission will deal with the case as a matter of priority.