

On 15 April 2015, the European Commission initiated formal antitrust proceedings against Google with regard to its business practices related to Android. The Commission suspects that Google may have breached EU rules prohibiting anti-competitive agreements and abuse of dominant position (Articles 101 and 102 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union). 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 intends to investigate whether Google has illegitimately hindered the development and market access of rival mobile operating systems, applications or services for smartphones and tablets.

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.