

On 30 October 2009, the Commission decided to initiate antitrust proceedings in case COMP/D2/39.654 - Reuters Instrument Codes (RICs) 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. They concern alleged practices of prohibiting the mapping of RICs with identifiers of alternative providers, thereby creating substantial barriers for customers that want to switch to a different provider of a consolidated real-time datafeed. Infringements within the meaning of Article 82 of the EC Treaty were allegedly committed by Thomson Reuters, its 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.