

Proceeding terminated against printing companies

The Gazdasági Versenyhivatal (GVH – the Hungarian Competition Authority) has terminated its proceeding against ANY Biztonsági Nyomda Nyrt., Díjbeszedő Nyomda Zrt. and Díjbeszedő Holding Zrt. for an alleged infringement of the prohibition of restrictive agreements.

During the course of its investigation, the GVH determined that the undertakings in question had participated in the KSH and E.On tenders together as subcontractors or in a consortium, which explains the presumed behaviour. As regards to the Szerencsejáték Zrt. tenders, the GVH did not reveal any direct evidence which proved that the undertakings had concluded a restrictive agreement or had agreed upon the winning tenderer, prices or other conditions.

Based on the available information (the undertakings entering tenders together, and maintaining a regular business connection), the GVH determined that the relationship between the undertakings was more cooperative than strongly competitive during the investigated time period. The Authority did not reveal any information that would have changed the assessment of the investigated behaviour and the proceeding was terminated due to lack of proof.