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Casino Group: Communication from the French Competition Authority

Casino Group was informed today of the French Competition Authority's (*Autorité de la Concurrence*) communication regarding the « Purchasing alliances in the food retail sector » (« *Rapprochements à l'achat dans le secteur de la grande distribution à dominante alimentaire* ») and the opening of investigations.

As far as Horizon Alliances (of which Casino Group is a partner) are concerned, the Authority opened an investigation on 24 May 2018, following the submission of the information file on 18 May 2018. This procedure, which is standard and non-suspensive of the agreements' implementation, allows extended access to information and, in particular, allows suppliers to be interviewed.

Moreover, in order to be always more respectful of the right balance in relations with suppliers, Horizon's partners – a new generation purchasing organization – took several commitments directly inspired from the conclusions of the General French Food Convention (*Etats Généraux de l'Alimentation*).

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