

[DE] Federal Cartel Office Issues an Official Warning to Pay-TV Company

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The Federal Cartel Office (Bundeskartellamt) has issued an official warning to a company of the Bertelsmann AG group, to the French TV channel Canal Plus and to a company belonging to Kirch Gruppe. The three companies, which jointly run the German pay-TV channel "Première", had drawn up an agreement not to compete against one another on the Pay-TV markets beyond their activities in "Première". This agreement was contested by the Federal Cartel Office and the companies have been threatened with legal action. A reply statement by the companies is expected in the near future.

