

European Commission: ISH / IESY Merger Referred to Federal Cartels Office

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On 15 February 2005, the European Commission referred the examination of the proposed acquisition of ISH GmbH & Co. KG and ISH KS NRW GmbH & Co. KG by lesy Repository GmbH, which is itself owned by American firm Apollo Management V, IL.P. to the Bundeskartellamt (Federal Cartels Office).

The Cartels Office had requested that the merger be referred to it, since both companies operate solely in the German market. It must now investigate whether the merger will affect competition in the German cable TV market.

Commission press release

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