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We are pleased to inform you that the reserve list resulting from the competition EUIPO/AD/01/17 has been published in the European Union Official Journal [C 014 A of 16 January 2018](#).

Antitrust: Commission confirms

unannounced inspection in kraft paper

sector

The European Commission can confirm that on 15 January 2018 its officials carried out an unannounced inspection at the premises of a company operating in the kraft paper sector.

The inspection took place in one Member State and is part of the same investigation that led the Commission to carry out unannounced inspections in [2016](#) and [2017](#) in the sector of kraft paper and industrial paper sacks. The Commission has concerns that the inspected company may have violated [Article 101](#) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, which prohibits anticompetitive practices such as price fixing and customer allocation.

The Commission officials were accompanied by their counterparts from the relevant national competition authority.

Unannounced inspections are a preliminary step in investigations into suspected cartels. The fact that the Commission carries out such inspections does not mean that the companies are guilty of anti-competitive behaviour; nor does it prejudice the outcome of the investigation. The Commission respects the rights of defence, in particular the right of companies to be heard in antitrust proceedings.

There is no legal deadline to complete inquiries into anticompetitive conduct. Their duration depends on a number of factors, including the complexity of each case, the extent to which the undertakings concerned co-operate and the exercise of the rights of defence.

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- the key steps of the scientific risk assessment process;
- the mechanism for suspending, restarting or extending an assessment, the conclusion of the scientific risk assessment process and the publication of the scientific output.

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 Mr Gerhard Jarosch was appointed National Member for Austria at Eurojust for a four-year term, starting 1 January 2018. In accordance with Article 2(1) of the Eurojust Decision, the appointment was approved by the Secretary General of the Council of the European Union.

From 1999 until 2003, Mr Jarosch was a prosecutor in Eisenstadt, Austria, situated near the EU Schengen border with Hungary. There he dealt with a large variety of criminal cases. He became a prosecutor in Vienna in 2003, specialised in organised crime and terrorism cases and international legal cooperation. In 2008, Mr Jarosch became a Senior Prosecutor. Since 2009, Mr Jarosch was Deputy Chief Prosecutor in Vienna.

Mr Jarosch is the President of the International Association of Prosecutors (IAP), former President of the Austrian Association of Prosecutors and former President of the Austrian Prosecutors Personnel Representation.

Following his appointment, Mr Jarosch said: *'As the President of the IAP, I am already acquainted with many colleagues at Eurojust, which should make this appointment a smooth transition.'*

Mr Jarosch replaces Ms Gabriela Hornbeck as National Member for Austria.

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