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German Cartel Office abandons proceedings against Bell Germany

The German Cartel Office abandoned its antitrust proceedings against Bell Germany. This cancels the fine of EUR 100 million imposed in July 2014.

The Federal Cartel Office today abandoned the antitrust proceedings for illegal price agreements in the German sausage industry against Bell Deutschland Holding GmbH. This cancels the original fine of EUR 100 million imposed on Bell.

This decision confirms the Bell Food Group's interpretation of the law that Bell Germany was innocent of any antitrust violations. The Bell Food Group from the outset did not consider this fine to be justified, either in fact or under the law, and filed a timely appeal against the decision of the Federal Cartel Office. For the same reason, no provisions were ever raised for this fine.

About the Bell Food Group

The Bell Food Group is one of the leading processors of meat and convenience products in Europe. Its range of products includes meat, poultry, charcuterie, seafood, convenience products and salads. With the brands Bell, Hilcona and Eisberg, the Group meets a diversity of customer needs. Its customers include the retail trade as well as the food service sector and the food processing industry. Some 9,500 employees generate annual revenues of CHF 3.4 billion. The Bell Food Group Ltd is listed on the Swiss stock exchange.