

EUROPEAN COMMISSION INVESTIGATION

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The European Commission today commenced an investigation into the provision of passenger and/or freight transport services (excluding by air) between the United Kingdom, Ireland and Continental Europe. The investigation, which is understood to have arisen from an informal complaint, concerns possible anti-competitive agreements and/or concerted practices contrary to Article 81 of the EC Treaty.

P&O falls within the scope of the investigation because of its ferries business and is fully cooperating with the Commission.

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