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In addition to its remit in the field of competition law, the Competition Authority is responsible for safeguarding the interests of **suppliers in the agricultural and food supply chain** vis-à-vis their more powerful buyers.

Certain large operators in the agricultural and food supply chain who have significant bargaining power over their suppliers may be tempted to abuse their position to impose unfair trading practices.

To better protect farmers and small operators against such practices, the [Law of 1 June 2021 on business-to-business relations within the agricultural and food supply chain](#) prohibits certain unfair trading practices between suppliers and buyers of agricultural and food products and lists certain practices that may be authorised only with clear prior agreement. This law transposes [Directive \(EU\) 2019/633 on unfair trading practices in business-to-business relations within the agricultural and food supply chain](#) into Luxembourg law.

A supplier who considers that he has been the victim of an unfair trading practice prohibited by law may lodge a [complaint with the Authority](#).

The Authority is therefore empowered to defend the collective interests of all potential suppliers to businesses that may be subject to investigations, namely:



around **20 major food retailers**¹ with a turnover exceeding €2 million



around **60 organisations** (wholesalers, importers, processors, cooperatives, agricultural associations, etc.) identified as intermediaries



some **1,870 farm businesses**² (agriculture, viticulture, horticulture, etc.)



some **267 small businesses in the agri-food sector**³, all potentially protected by law.

'AGRI-FOOD CHAIN' SERVICE

Given the resources available and the distribution of the workload across its various areas of competence, the Authority has not set up a dedicated department to handle complaints regarding unfair trading practices in the agricultural and food supply chain.

The work is carried out by two staff members as and when required.

¹ Competition Council – questionnaire regarding the Act of June 2021 on relations between businesses within the agricultural and food supply chain (2022)

² Chamber of Agriculture – Luxembourg agriculture in figures (2021)
<https://www.lwk.lu/fr/consommateur/lagriculture-luxembourgeoise-en-chiffres>

³ Chamber of Trades Key Figures for the Craft Sector 2024
<https://www.cdm.lu/artisanat/chiffres-et-statistiques>

In 2025, the Authority received no formal complaints regarding potential unfair trading practices in the agricultural and food supply chain.

The particularly small size of the national market and the high concentration of buyers with significant bargaining power may discourage small operators from reporting any situations of concern. The Authority has therefore chosen to step up its awareness-raising and cooperation efforts, particularly at national level.

COOPERATION AT NATIONAL LEVEL

RAISING AWARENESS AMONG SECTOR STAKEHOLDERS ON GUICHET.LU

In 2025, the Authority continued its collaboration with the editorial team at *guichet.lu*, which, since 2023, has been disseminating the procedures available to operators in the agricultural and food supply chain for lodging complaints with the Authority against their more powerful buyers.

Suppliers thus have access to the necessary information in French, German and English.

COOPERATION WITH THE GRAND DUCHY'S GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES

The Authority holds regular discussions with representatives of the [Rural Economy Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Viticulture](#), particularly regarding the monitoring of the Agri-Food Chain Observatory (AFCO) and the Unfair Trading Practices (UTP) Enforcement Network.

Similarly, it cooperates with the Internal Market and Competition Department of the Ministry of the Economy on the evaluation of the Unfair Trading Practices Directive and on monitoring the work of the working group on the proposed regulation concerning cooperation between the authorities responsible for the application of Directive 2019/663.

COOPERATION AT EUROPEAN LEVEL

UNFAIR TRADING PRACTICES ENFORCEMENT NETWORK

On 18 June, the Authority took part in a joint meeting of law enforcement officials and investigators in the framework of the Unfair Trading Practices Enforcement Network (UTP Enforcement Network). It also attended the second meeting held on 19 November 2025.

EU AGRI-FOOD CHAIN OBSERVATORY

On 27 June and 15 October, the Authority attended meetings of the [EU Agri-Food Chain Observatory](#).

GERMAN FEDERAL OFFICE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

In early 2025, the Authority continued its discussions with the German Federal Office for Agriculture and Food (Bundesanstalt für Landwirtschaft und Ernährung) to assist it with a case concerning potential unfair trading practices in the agri-food supply chain, which began in 2024.



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