

Computer Chip Loyalty Discounts Condemned in Europe

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The European Commission ruled that U.S.-based computer chip maker Intel violated European competition law by providing discounts to computer manufacturers on the condition that they buy all or almost all their needs from Intel. The Department of Justice withdrew a controversial report on monopolization issued toward the end of the previous administration, signaling a shift in policy and enforcement priorities.

Other recent antitrust developments of note included a decision by a district court applying the Supreme Court's ruling that resale price maintenance arrangements must be judged under the rule of reason and new legislation in Maryland providing that resale price maintenance is unlawful per se under the state's antitrust law.