

## **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

Competition DG

Markets and cases If: Information, Communication and Media State Aid

Brussels.

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**Subject:** HT.4151 – Market information sports

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank you for your letter of 25 November 2014, in which you bring to our attention an alleged infringement of the State aid rules of the European Union. We understand that you are concerned that the Government of the Island of Gran Canaria has granted aid to the Club Baloncesto Gran Canaria - Claret SAD.

According to Article 20(2) of Regulation 659/1999 as amended<sup>1</sup>, formal complaints can only be submitted by interested parties by duly completing the compulsory complaints form. Interested parties are parties whose own interests might be affected by the measure; these are for example competitors or trade associations<sup>2</sup>. Since you are not a competitor, you do not qualify as interested party, and your submission cannot be treated as formal complaint within the meaning of Article 20(2) of Regulation 659/1999 as amended. However, I thank you for the information you have submitted. The Commission will register this information as general market information.

Yours sincerely,

Please specify the name of the case and the case number in all correspondence.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Council Regulation (EU) No 734/2013 of 22 July 2013 amending Regulation (EC) No 659/1999 laying down detailed rules for the application of Article 93 of the EC Treaty, OJ L204, 31.07.2013, p. 15

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Article 1(h) of Regulation 659/1999.