

Press Release / Customer Letter
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Today the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) issued a [press release](#) in relation to its ongoing investigation into suspected anti-competitive arrangements in the UK roofing materials sector.

The press release confirms that the CMA has reached a settlement with the parent companies of Associated Lead Mills (ALM) and British Lead Mills (BLM) who have admitted to allegations that they entered into anti-competitive agreements involving:

- sharing the market, including by arranging not to target certain customers;
- colluding on prices;
- exchanging commercially sensitive information on prices; and
- arranging not to supply a new business that risked disrupting the firms' existing customer relationships and was also a potential competitor in the market.

The CMA has found that Calder did not participate in the anti-competitive agreements between ALM and BLM relating to market sharing, collusion on prices or the exchange of commercially sensitive information. The case against Calder is now limited to a single allegation that it agreed with ALM and BLM not to supply another company operating as an agent. Calder continues to strongly deny this allegation and will be responding to the CMA's supplementary statement of objections, which was also issued today, in due course.

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