

Press Release

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CMA confirm that there are no grounds for action against Calder Lead

Today the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) issued a press release in relation to the final outcome of its investigation into suspected anti-competitive arrangements for suppliers of rolled lead in the UK roofing materials sector.

Following a thorough review, the CMA determined that there are no grounds for action against Calder Lead and this case is now closed.

However, the CMA found that Associated Lead Mills (ALM) and British Lead Mills (BLM) had broken the law by entering in to anti-competitive arrangements. Both firms admitted their roles in illegal cartel and have been fined £1.5M & £8M respectively.

The anti-competitive behaviour involves:

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

Integrity is the key to our clients trust and has helped our business to build a strong, loyal and valued customer base over almost 250 years. We are therefore pleased to have been fully exonerated.

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