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## **End of the European Commission investigation**

On 10 May 2019, the European Commission has notified Gascogne of its decision to close competition investigation concerning several producers of bleached and unbleached kraft paper and manufacturers of industrial paper bags. This procedure started more than 3 years ago in March 2016 with a 3-day visit by European Commission investigators to the offices of Gascogne Papier and Gascogne Sacs in Mérignac and Mimizan. Gascogne considers acting in these markets in compliance with the competition rules, which is confirmed by the position the European Commission has taken.

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### **About the Gascogne Group:**

The Gascogne Group is the leading player in the wood industry in France, operating at every stage of the processing of forest resources, and the only player in France that is totally integrated along the complete wood-paper-processing chain. With its four close-fitting activities, the Gascogne Group is the leading multi-specialised operator in the wood industry in France, Europe's leading producer of machine-glazed natural Kraft paper, the third European producer of industrial and consumer sacks and one of the world's leading producers of packaging and protection laminates.

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