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Competition Commission to Assess Newspaper Distribution Merger

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On May 27 2009 the Competition Commission sent the proposed concentration between Swiss Post, NZZ Group and Tamedia to a second-stage assessment.

Swiss Post and the media companies NZZ Group and Tamedia plan to pool their resources to provide early delivery of newspapers and magazines. If approved, the concentration will result in the creation of an early distribution entity under the management of Swiss Post that covers most of German-speaking Switzerland and parts of the French-speaking regions. A factor which will be significant in the commission's final appraisal of this concentration is whether and to what extent there is potential competition to Swiss Post, NZZ Group and Tamedia in the early delivery market. According to the commission, there are few delivery organizations in the geographical area in which the new distribution entity will operate.

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