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To: Groceries

Subject: competition commission investigation of non-food grocery market in UK

Hello,

I am writing to request that as part of a commission investigation into competitive practices in UK markets, that within this you include non-grocery items, specifically music.

In the past ten years we have seen the rise of supermarket sales in this area, and they now account for almost 30% of all CD sales, and almost 50% on chart lines. Given their main practice is to loss-lead CDs to gain market share, this has led to a decline in the independent music retail sector, and is now starting to affect both HMV and Virgin too, and the general decline of the specialist music sector impacts considerably on independent labels such as ourselves.

Please investigate as to whether supermarkets are working fairly within this non-food sector.

regards