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Subject: Haugaland (complaint)
- *Prioritisation of complaint*

By letter dated 7 June 2021, the EFTA Surveillance Authority ("ESA") acknowledged receipt of your complaint concerning alleged unlawful state aid granted by the Norwegian Media Authority (Medietilsynet) to Haugaland Kraft AS and FK Haugesund, in the form of direct grants.

As explained in paragraph 48 of its Guidelines on Best Practice for the conduct of state aid control procedures,¹ ESA, as an administrative body which must act in the public interest, is entitled to give different degrees of priority to the complaints brought before it.

ESA can thus postpone dealing with a measure which is not a priority, in the light of its workload and its right to set the priorities for investigations.

ESA hereby informs you in line with paragraph 49 of the Best Practices guidelines that your complaint has been designated as a non-priority case. However, as also explained in these guidelines, ESA will still endeavour to provide you with its preliminary assessment within twelve months.

Since your complaint concerns alleged unlawful aid, I wish to draw your attention again to the fact that you can initiate proceedings before national courts which have the power to order the suspension or recovery of such aid.

Yours sincerely,

Gjermund Mathisen
Director
Competition and State aid

This document has been electronically authenticated by Gjermund Mathisen.

¹ [OJ L 82, 22.3.2012, p. 7.](#)