

Early Warning System - Case 12

Electronic goods manufacturer

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In 2018 a major producer of electronic goods with the main base outside the EU announced that it would move its European headquarters from one country to another to prevent adverse tax consequences.

The EWS mechanism was triggered by the EWS secretariat to establish if this event might have an impact on European statistics.

The company in question employed around 60 staff. It was closed in October 2018. The closed company had been classified under “other business support activities (NACE 8299)”; it had an annual turnover of more than 100 million Euro and had been sampled for business statistics.

A new company of the same parent was set up in another EU country in May 2018. The employment in that company was very low (6 employees) as was the turnover (around 2 million euro).

It appears unlikely that the event will have a discernible effect on turnover and production statistics. Nor is it likely to have effects on the BoP.

For the time being, the case is closed.