



Amazon Not Abusing Dominant Position

Commenting on the ongoing dispute between online book retailer Amazon and Hachette Livre, which has seen Amazon.co.uk remove the "Buy New" option for certain Hachette titles, media and competition lawyers have disputed the idea that Amazon is at risk of committing an abuse of a dominant position. Amazon's decision to remove the option forces customers to navigate to an open marketplace that links them to third-party sellers of new or used books and pay for shipping.

Caroline Kean, partner in the publishing group has said she doesn't think Amazon.co.uk are in a dominant market position.

She said, "They are not the only retailer of books on the net, and they are not the producers [of the books]. You could still obtain them somewhere else".

See TheBookseller.com for further details.