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## **Save South Africa commends Competition Commission action against ‘food sector cartel’**

The Save South Africa campaign commends the Competition Commission for another breakthrough in uncovering alleged collusive behavior in corporate South Africa.

Its latest investigation – into alleged collusion in the agro-processing sector between Unilever and Sime Darby – appears to have exposed disturbing cartel-like collaboration around the sale of basic foodstuffs such as edible oils and margarine.

The Commission has done important work in the area in the past – for example, its investigations into the bread and milk sectors – and is to be commended for continuing to look after the interests of South African consumers, and in particular the poor.

The Commission is setting a fine example for other anti-corruption bodies in the state machinery, and we call on these bodies to act with similar independence, vigour and transparency to root out all forms of corruption, whether in the public or private sector.

### **Note to editors**

See also our earlier statement on the Competition Commission’s investigation into alleged collusion among foreign exchange traders: [Banking collusion](#)