

So much for competition

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*Internal e-mails at **Dell** purported to warn of “severe and prolonged” repercussions if the computer manufacturer switched business away from Intel and in favour of the chipmaker’s main rival, according to [evidence made public by Europe’s top competition regulator on Monday](#).*

Internal documents from other Intel customers, including [Lenovo](#), [NEC](#), [Hewlett-Packard](#) and retailer Media Saturn Holding, also showed rebates were linked to tight restrictions on the amount of chips that could be purchased from rival [AMD](#), according to the European Commission.

The competition watchdog on Monday published a non-confidential version of its May decision, which accused Intel of breaching EU antitrust rules and imposed a â,-1.1bn (\$1.6bn) fine. This was the largest single penalty imposed on any company for competition breaches in the EU

Demonstrating that big business does not believe in the merits of free markets.