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A federal grand jury in Hartford, Connecticut, today charged Cuisinarts Inc., of Greenwich, Connecticut, with conspiring to fix retail prices on Cuisinart food processors throughout the United States.

Attorney General Benjamin R. Civiletti said the indictment, charging a felony violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, and a companion civil case were filed in U.S. District Court in Hartford.

Sanford M. Litvack, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division, said the indictment and civil complaint charged that beginning in 1974 and continuing at least through August 1979, Cuisinarts Inc. conspired with others to fix the retail price of Cuisinart food processors.

The maximum penalty upon conviction of a corporation for felony price fixing is a fine of \$1 million.

The civil complaint asks that Cuisinarts Inc. be enjoined from continuing or renewing the alleged conspiracy and from adopting any other agreement having a similar purpose.

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