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The Department of Justice today filed a civil antitrust suit alleging that Mack Trucks, Inc. and the National Distributors Advisory Council ("NDAC") conspired to fix the prices of truck parts in the United States.

Attorney General Benjamin R. Civiletti said the complaint, alleging a violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, was filed in U.S. District Court in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sanford M. Litvack, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division, said the complaint alleges that beginning at least as early as 1978, and continuing to the present, Mack and NDAC conspired to raise, fix, stabilize, and maintain prices charged truck owners and operators and service dealers for truck parts. NDAC is an unincorporated association composed of delegates selected by and from district councils of independently-owned domestic distributors appointed by Mack to sell and service new trucks manufactured and/or sold by Mack and to sell parts for such trucks.

In 1979 total sales of truck parts by Mack, distributors, and service dealers exceeded \$300 million.

The suit seeks to enjoin the defendants from continuing the alleged conspiracy and from providing to distributors or service dealers actual or suggested prices or discount schedules for the resale of truck parts.

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