

Alliance de la Presse d'Information Generale

Press Release (unofficial English translation)

At a press conference today, publishers of *the Alliance de la Presse d'Information Generale* have learned of Google's unilateral decision to no longer show titles and very short extracts, due to the entry into force on 24 October of the law creating a neighboring right for press publishers and news agencies.

This decision, which has not given rise to neither any exchange nor any consultation, appears to be a real circumvention of the spirit of French law and more broadly of the European directive. It marks, once again, Google's intention not to respect rules and to abuse its dominant position to impose its own law.

Above all, it is in complete contradiction with Google's constant declarations and statements in favour of the press, including the importance of its support to the democratic debate.

Beyond the astonishment and anger provoked by Google's attitude, the Alliance's press publishers, with the support of the Government and the parliamentarians as well as that of their fellow European publishers, intend to react in a solidary way and to put every effort in place so that a true value-sharing with platforms and key digital players becomes a reality.”