

Justice Dept looking into e-book sales practices

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(AP) -- The Justice Department is looking into possible anticompetitive practices involving e-book sales.

A department spokeswoman says that Sharis Pozen, the acting head of the [antitrust division](#), confirmed the inquiry at a hearing before a House Judiciary subcommittee.

Pozen says the department has been working with the European Union and state attorneys general in the U.S.

The [EU's antitrust watchdog said Tuesday](#) that it was investigating whether Apple helped five major [publishing houses](#) illegally raise prices for e-books when Apple launched its iPad tablet and iBookstore in 2010.

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