

# Amazon moves to avoid EU fines over publishing contracts

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Amazon has agreed to change parts of its e-book contracts with publishers in an effort to avoid European Union fines for anti-competitive behavior.

The European Commission said Tuesday that the online giant has committed not to enforce any contract clause that might force [publishers](#) to offer Amazon similar terms and conditions as those offered to competitors.

Publishers can also terminate e-book contracts that contain a certain clause linking discount possibilities for an e-book to the [retail price](#) of it on another platform.

The commitment would apply for five years to agreements reached in Europe.

The Commission, which polices anti-trust issues, says Amazon's "parity clauses" could breach EU rules, reduce competition and limit choice for consumers.

It's called on publishers and interested parties to give feedback on Amazon's pledges.

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