



Spain: Repsol banned from building new gas stations

Spain's Ministry of Energy has banned Repsol from opening any new service stations in 39 of the country's 52 provinces due infringement of the 30% market share law, reported Ok Diario.

In an effort to tackle Repsol's overwhelming dominance of Spain's fuel retailing market, the government has told Repsol it will not be able to open any new service stations in 31 provinces during a one-year period.

The law, implemented in 2013 by the current government, stated fuel operators which acquired more than 30% of the market share would be unable to open any new sites. The market is measured by province, reason why Repsol will still be allowed to open new gas stations in 13 provinces, including Barcelona.

Two other fuel retailers, Cepsa and Disa, will be also be unable to open new gas stations in the provinces where they exceeded the 30% share, three and two respectively.