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Form 6-K December 19, 2016

FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of December, 2016

Brazilian Distribution Company

(Translation of Registrant's Name Into English)

Av. Brigadeiro Luiz Antonio, 3142 São Paulo, SP 01402-901 Brazil

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F)

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(Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101 (b) (1)):

Yes ___ No _X_

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Yes ___ No <u>X</u>

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.)

Yes ___ No <u>X</u>

COMPANHIA BRASILEIRA DE DISTRIBUIÇÃO

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL PUBLICLY-HELD COMPANY

Corporate Taxpayer's No. (CNPJ/MF) 47.508.411/0001-56

Company Registration No. (NIRE) 35.300.089.901

NOTICE TO THE MARKET

Companhia Brasileira de Distribuição (the "**Company**") [BM&FBOVESPA: PCAR4; NYSE: CBD] hereby announces that its Board of Directors, in a meeting held today, approved the hiring of Ernst & Young Auditores Independentes S/S to provide audit services of the individual and consolidated financial statements. The referred services will start to be provided from the review of the quarterly financial information of the first quarter of 2017.

Such decision was taken to comply with the terms of article 31 of CVM Instruction 308/99, whereby companies are required to change audit firm every five years, and was assented by Company's current independent auditors, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Auditores Independentes.

São Paulo, December 16, 2016

Daniela Sabbag

Investor Relations Officer

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

COMPANHIA BRASILEIRA DE DISTRIBUIÇÃO

Date: December 16, 2016 By: /s/ Ronaldo Iabrudi

Name: Ronaldo Iabrudi Title: Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ Daniela Sabbag

Name: Daniela Sabbag

Title: Investor Relations Officer

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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