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Form 6-K December 27, 2018

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, 2018

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

CNPJ/MF No. 47.508.411/0001-56

NIRE 35.300.089.901

MATERIAL FACT

Companhia Brasileira de Distribuição ("Company" or "GPA"), in compliance with Brazilian Law No. 6.404/76 and CVM Instruction No. 358/02 and in addition to the Material Fact disclosed on December 21, 2018, announces to its shareholders and the market in general the following.

The Company entered into a TRS (Total Return Swap) agreement with a top-tier financial institution, in which it carried out, on this date, a sale of 50,000,000 (fifty million) common shares of Via Varejo S.A., corresponding to 3.86% of its capital stock, totaling the amount of R\$ 217,500,000.00 (two hundred and seventeen million and five hundred thousand Brazilian reais) ("Transaction").

As a result of the Transaction, the corporate interest held by the Company in Via Varejo S.A. decreased from 559,521,085 common shares, corresponding to 43.23%, to 509,521,085 common shares, corresponding to 39.36% of its capital stock.

As per Article 12 of CVM Instruction No. 358/02, the Company informs that the Transaction does not imply in any change in the corporate control, nor in the composition of the management of Via Varejo S.A., as well as it is not bound by any agreement regulating the right to vote or purchase and sale securities issued by Via Varejo S.A.

The Company will keep the market and its shareholders informed in the event of new material facts related to this matter.

São Paulo, December 27, 2018.

Daniela Sabbag

Investor Relations Officer

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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 27, 2018 By: /s/ Peter Estermann

Name: Peter Estermann
Title: Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ Daniela Sabbag

Name: Daniela Sabbag

Title: Investor Relations Officer

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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