



ADVOCACY WORKING GROUP
MARKET STUDIES PROJECT

MARKET STUDIES INFORMATION STORE

SECTOR:

GROCERIES (FOOD AND DRINK)

UPDATED: DECEMBER 2015

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| Jurisdiction: | Italy | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Milk and dairy products | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | Ongoing | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Duration: | 5 months (as of November 2015) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | The end of milk quota regime. Complaints by farmers reporting no correlation between the consumer price of milk and dairy products and the price of raw milk. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | To analyse how the terms of sale of milk and dairy products are established and to examine the price transmission mechanism along the supply chain and the real level of competitiveness between the companies operating in the milk and dairy product market. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | http://www.agcm.it/en/newsroom/press-releases/2229-ic51-a-survey-by-the-antitrust-on-the-dairy-chain.html | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Pakistan | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Wheat flour | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | On-going March 2016 | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Duration: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Own initiative | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | Acquisition of in-depth knowledge of the market. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Pakistan | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Rice | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | On-going February 2016 | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Duration: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Own initiative | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | Acquisition of in-depth knowledge of the market. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Pakistan | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Meat | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | On going January 2016 | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Duration: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Own initiative | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | Acquisition of in-depth knowledge of the market. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Croatia | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Distributive trade sector (groceries retail) in Croatia in 2014 | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | 28 December 2015 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Duration: | Yearly basis (9 months) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Own initiative | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | To determine the players on the market and their markets shares for further work of the Croatian Competition Agency (CCA). Data and other information has been provided by undertakings (sample of undertakings) based on CCA's request. | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Lithuania | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Dairy products market | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | December 2015 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Duration: | 12 months | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Possible market obstacles arising from dairy products market | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | To analyse all four levels of dairy industry – raw milk production, purchase, processing and distribution – in order to find out reasons of inadequate price changes in dairy products supply chain and applicability of best EU practices in Lithuania. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | http://kt.gov.lt/teise/nut/2015-12-30_1S-138.pdf (In Lithuanian) http://www.kt.gov.lt/en/index.php?show=news_view&pr_id=1703 (press release on preliminary findings in English) | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Pakistan | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Black tea | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | August 2015 | <input type="checkbox"/> Competition Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Education <input type="checkbox"/> Business Education <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary Business Compliance <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary Business Action <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy <input type="checkbox"/> Referral to Third Parties <input type="checkbox"/> No Problems Found | | | | | | | | | |
| Duration: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Own initiative | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | To look into the competition situation in the sector. | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | El Salvador | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Convenience Goods Retail (periodically consumed products) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | 18th August 2015 DECISION DATE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Duration: | Start date (contract): August/2013 End date (decision): August/2015 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Though its market analysis and monitoring, the SC found out that in 2013 the country had a highly concentrated retail distribution structure that was highly concentrated among few supermarket chains after the exit of different participants. These chains coexisted with a great quantity of informal traders of smaller size which participated together in common spaces as squares and municipal markets, or disseminated in stores or shops of reduced size. | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | The aim of the study is to identify the commercial practices or other aspects related to the purchasing power or the dominant position of agents in the retail of households frequently-consumed products (convenience goods) that could hinder competition dynamics and consumer welfare. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | http://www.sc.gob.sv/pages.php?Id=1638 Decision: http://www.sc.gob.sv/pages.php?Id=1637 | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Link to report: | http://www.bundeskartellamt.de/SharedDocs/Publikation/DE/Sektoruntersuchungen/Sektoruntersuchung%20Milch%20-%20Abschlussbericht.pdf? blob=publicationFile&v=4 (German) http://www.bundeskartellamt.de/SharedDocs/Publikation/EN/Sektor%20Inquiries/Milk%20Sector%20Inquiry%20-%20Final%20Report.pdf? blob=publicationFile&v=7 (English) |
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| Jurisdiction: | Pakistan | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Milk | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | July 2015 | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Duration: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | √ | <input type="checkbox"/> | √ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | √ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | Acquisition of in-depth knowledge of the market. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Israel | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Geographical concentration in the grocery retail chain sector | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | November 2014 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Duration: | Phase 1 – year, Phase 2 – 18 months. ¹ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Phase 1 was motivated by an inter-ministerial committee that investigated barriers to competition in the food chain in Israel, which included in its report a survey of relevant pro-competitive legislation related to food retailers concentration, Phase 2 of the study benefited from the following study by the UK COMPETITION COMMISSION, THE SUPPLY OF GROCERIES IN THE UK MARKET INVESTIGATION, 2008. | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | Indications of a growing gap between the cost of food in Israel and comparable international indices, along with overall high market shares of the major grocery retailers. There was a need to identify possible measures to address the local concentration that the overall concentration generates. The second phase of the study was addressing the need for a solid and transparent methodology to measure concentration and make the information available to retailers to facilitate enforcement of the relevant legislation. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | http://www.antitrust.gov.il/subject/200/item/33410.aspx | | | | | | | | | | | |

¹ The study was composed of two phases. Phase 1 – Proposing a methodological framework for legislation concerning concentration of grocery retailers. Phase 2 – In preparation for legislation and following the passage of the law, developing the methodology, gathering information and performing the study measuring concentration of grocery retailers and publishing maps.

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| Jurisdiction: | Germany | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Food retail | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | September 2014 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Duration: | 3 years | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Complaints by suppliers about the buyer power of the large food retailers. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | Acquisition of in-depth knowledge of the market. Find out whether the large retail companies could make use of their structural advantages in their negotiations with brand manufacturers. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | http://www.bundeskartellamt.de/Sektoruntersuchung_LEH.pdf?_blob=publicationFile&v=7 (German) http://www.bundeskartellamt.de/SharedDocs/Publikation/EN/Sector%20Inquiries/Summary_Sector_Inquiry_food_retail_sector.pdf?_blob=publicationFile&v=3 (English) | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | El Salvador | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Edible oils and fats | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | 23rd July 2014 DECISION DATE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Duration: | Start date (contract): July/2010 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | End date (decision): June/2014 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Based on a preliminary evaluation of the edible fats and oils markets in El Salvador made by this SC, it was determined the need to increase the understanding of its performance and competition conditions. The main criteria that motivated the beginning of the study were the increase in these goods prices between 2007 and 2009, the probable high concentration in this markets and the relevant consumption of this products among the population, as this are included among the main convenience goods needed. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | | | | | | | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | The aim of the study is to determine the competition conditions in the oils and fats market through an analysis of the characterization of the supply and demand, the applicable law, national and international market indicators, horizontal and vertical integrations, concentrations in the relevant markets, entry barriers, and market power of the economic agents involved in the studied activity. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | http://www.sc.gob.sv/pages.php?Id=1505 Decision: http://www.sc.gob.sv/pages.php?Id=1509 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Japan | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Food trade | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | June 2014 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Duration: | 1 year | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Internal competition concern | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | <p>In the previous surveys, it has been pointed out that there are some cases of “product returns” or “refusal to receive products” in transactions of some private brand products that may constitute abuse of a superior bargaining position or a problem under the Subcontract Act.</p> <p>In light of these facts, the JFTC decided to conduct this survey to determine the actual conditions of transactions of private brand products in the food sector which accounts for a large part of all sales of private brand products.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | <p>(Press release and full report in Japanese) http://www.jftc.go.jp/houdou/pressrelease/h26/jun/140620.html (Summary report in English) http://www.jftc.go.jp/en/pressreleases/yearly-2014/June/140620.files/140620.pdf</p> | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Poland | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Food for pets | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | January 2014 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Duration: | 11 months | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | In-house work / information from market participants | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | <p>The study was triggered by a high level of concentration ratio on the market, RPM suspicion, and possible use of anticompetitive loyalty/fidelity rebates.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Poland | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Beer | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | December 2013 | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Duration: | 28 months | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | The study was triggered by a high level of concentration ratio on the market and possible occurrence of anticompetitive practices. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Italy | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Wholesale and retail markets | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | October 2013 | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Duration: | 33 months | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Complaints from food suppliers experiencing anti-competitive behaviour by chain retailers. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | To analyse the recent developments of the grocery trade industry and the vertical relationships between chain retailers and their suppliers. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | http://www.agcm.it/en/newsroom/press-releases/2101-ic43-agri-foodstuffs-according-to-the-antitrust-the-market-power-of-the-organized-mass-distribution-getting-stronger-conflicting-relationships-with-suppliers-and-uncertain-effects-on-consumers.html | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Finland | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Retail Market | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | June 2013 | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Government Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Duration: | Approx. 1 year | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Own initiative (follow-up study on trade in groceries) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | To study the effect of the regulation of store locations for retail competition. The report follows on a study on trade in groceries published in January 2012 and answers to the questions posed in the first study. The report is one the measures that has been undertaken to promote competition in Finnish retail trade. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | <u>Regulation of store locations – Perspective of entry and competition (in Finnish)</u> | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Japan | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Food trade | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | May 2013 | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Duration: | 1 year | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Internal competition concern - “The report on the trade between hotels and suppliers” published in May 2012. - “The report on the trade between large-scale retailers and suppliers” published in May 2010. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | Based on these two reports noted above, as there is the possibility that behavior that can be linked to abuse of a superior bargaining position is carried out even in trades between food service operators and suppliers. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | (Press release and full report in Japanese) http://www.jftc.go.jp/houdou/pressrelease/h25/may/130527_01.html (Summary report in English) http://www.jftc.go.jp/en/pressreleases/yearly-2013/may/130527Food_Service.files/130527FoodService.pdf | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Finland | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Retail Market | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | March 2013 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Duration: | Approx. 6 months | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Own initiative (follow-up study on trade in groceries) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | <p>To study the position of primary producers in the food supply chain. The study throws light on the manifestations and impacts of buyer power and bargaining power from the viewpoint of primary producers. The sectors under scrutiny include especially meat production, fish farming and open air and glasshouse cultivation. The report follows on a study on trade in groceries published in January 2012 which highlighted trade practices that are questionable in terms of effective competition.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | Report on primary production – Factors that affect the conditions of competition (in Finnish) | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Colombia | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Milk Market in Colombia | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | 2013 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Duration: | 4 months | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Own initiative | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | <p>Conduct an analysis to identify key structural and cyclical problems in the sector, and to determine possible ways of policy to be followed in search of improving the sector's competitiveness and trade relations between the actors involved in it.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | http://www.sic.gov.co/drupal/recursos_user/documentos/promocion_competencia/Estudios Economicos/Estudios Economicos/Estudio Sectorial Leche1.pdf | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Poland | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Baby food | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | January 2013 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | | | | | | | | | |
| Duration: | 17 months | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | The study was triggered by a high level of concentration ratio on the market and possible occurrence of anticompetitive practices. | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Spain | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Wholesale Central Markets of Perishable Products | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | January, 2013 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | | | | | | | | | | |
| Duration: | 1 year | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Previous antitrust cases included sanctions on practices related to the activity of the Central Markets and have noted distortions of competition deriving from their internal regulation. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regulations governing the internal operating regime of the Central Markets contain numerous clauses that are liable to distort competition. The activity reservation of central markets to municipal entities constitutes a barrier to entry. The centralized operating model discourages competition. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | http://www.cnm.es/Portals/0/Ficheros/Promocion/Informes_y_Estudios_Sectoriales/2013/CNC_Inf%20prod%20perecederos%20indexado.pdf | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Colombia | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Coffee market in Colombia | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | December 2012 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Duration: | 4 months | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Source of idea for study: | Own initiative | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | <p>The study aims to analyze the performance of the sector in the last decade and understand the background of the currently faced situation by farmers in Colombia. The paper reviews the main variables related to the production and marketing of coffee, in the national and international level and an exercise of concentration. Some risks for consumers are suggested; the dynamics of industrial property related to the coffee sector (patents and trademarks) is shown; Finally, a review of the regulatory framework and of artificial barriers to competition, such as technical barriers to trade is made.</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | http://www.sic.gov.co/drupal/recursos_user/documentos/Estudios-Academicos/Documentos-Elaborados-Grupo-Estudios-Economicos/5_Estudio_Sobre_Sector_Cafe_Colombia_Diciembre_2012.pdf | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Bulgaria | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Growing of wheat Manufacture of grain mill products Manufacture of bread | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | October 2012 | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Duration: | 1 year 6 months | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | media publications | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | <p>Some publications led to the doubts that there was a particular asymmetry of the price increase for the ingredient wheat flour and the wheat.</p> <p>The inquiry was initiated as a result of the sharp increase of prices of bread for end consumers and tried to establish whether the price trends were due to objective economic factors or to potential anticompetitive practices.</p> <p>With regard to the market for the production and trade of wheat in the country was found that it is highly fragmented, competitors in the relevant market are numerous, with relatively low market shares. This fragmentation of farmers implies the existence of many intermediate traders who mediate the purchase of wheat.</p> <p>On the market for the production and trade of wheat flour was found that the mills have the opportunity to negotiate their supply of raw material with a large number of potential suppliers (grain producers and/or grain traders), which gives them the advantage to negotiate favourable purchase prices. This inequality reflected in the negotiation and the dynamics of price changes in the chain.</p> <p>The analysis of the dynamics of wholesale prices of wheat flour (Type 500, Type 700 and Type 1150) and of wheat showed some inconsistencies and asymmetry in price fluctuations, related with a significant increase in wholesale prices of flour versus the increase the basic raw material - wheat - for the period from July to December 2010, which under normal market conditions should be reflected with some delay.</p> <p>As a result of the findings of the sector inquiry, the CPC initiated proceedings in for potential infringement by the Association “Union of Bulgarian millers”.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | <p>Decision (in Bulgarian): http://reg.cpc.bg/Decision.aspx?DecID=300034087</p> | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Colombia | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Cacao Market in Colombia | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | October 2012 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Duration: | 4 months | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Own initiative | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | Characterization of the world cocoa market, followed by a description of the market in Colombia, through an analysis of the production per department, the purchasing of cocoa by companies engaged in the production of chocolate in Colombia and the production chain and commerce of the products, Specifically of Cocoa beans. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | http://www.sic.gov.co/drupal/recursos_user/documentos/Estudios-Academicos/Documentos-Elaborados-Grupo-Estudios-Economicos/3_Estudio_Sobre_Sector_Cacaotero_Octubre_2012.pdf | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | El Salvador | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Rice | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | July 30 th , 2012 DECISION DATE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Duration: | Start date (contract): March/2012 End date (decision): July/2012 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Update of the 2009 Market Study of the characterization of the rice industry and its competition conditions in El Salvador. | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
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| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | The aim of this study update is to determine the competition conditions in the rice agro-industry, through the analysis of its regulation, business practices, horizontal and vertical integration, profit margins, pricing policies, and calculation of internationally accepted indexes to measure market competition and estimate the degree of contestability, including the identification of conditions that could enable anticompetitive practices by the economic agents in the market. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | http://www.sc.gob.sv/pages.php?Id=1111 Decisions: http://www.sc.gob.sv/pages.php?Id=1514 | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Bulgaria | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Growing of sunflower seed and manufacture and wholesale trade of sunflower oil | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | June 2012 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Duration: | 1 year 3 months | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | significant increase in sunflower oil prices | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | <p>The reason for the sector inquiry was the significant increase in sunflower oil prices during the period August - October 2010. The CPC analysed price correlations between sunflower seed prices and wholesale and retail sunflower oil prices. It found that price variations of the raw material are not immediately reflected in wholesale prices and subsequently in retail prices. According to the report, the established asymmetry in price variations could be explained by the structural characteristics of the markets through the chain "production - processing - distribution". The sunflower seed production market has a fragmentary structure with the presence of many small and medium-sized undertakings.</p> <p>Based on the results of the sector inquiry, the CPC has initiated proceedings against the three main producers of sunflower oil for alleged RPM agreements and concerted practices.</p> <p>The CPC informed the Ministry of agriculture and other relevant Authorities in order for them, in their capacity to undertake the appropriate actions aimed at improving the competitive environment in the evaluated markets.</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | Decision (in Bulgarian): http://reg.cpc.bg/Decision.aspx?DecID=300033080 | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Mexico | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Pasteurised Milk Market | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | March 2012 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Duration: | No available data | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | To provide CFC Board of Commissioner's with economic data, so they will decide if an investigation will be opened within this sector. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | The primary producers were receiving little profits in comparison to marketers, so an anticompetitive conduct was suspected. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | The CFC classified this document as confidential | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Brazil | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Meat market | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | 2012 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Duration: | Not specified | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Own initiative | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | The analysis examined and measured the concentration in the Brazilian meat market (DEE, Nota Técnica 001/2012/DEE , 2012) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Colombia | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Rice Market in Colombia 2000-2012 | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | 2012 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Duration: | 4 months | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Own initiative | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | <p>Within the market of rice, there is no room for intermediation costs, since the farmer sells his product directly to the mill, and he sells it to wholesalers and retailers that take the product to the final consumer. This situation means that the rice industry has an oligopolistic structure. For that reason, it is necessary to carry out an analysis of competition and concentration in the market and identify possible anticompetitive practices.</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | http://www.sic.gov.co/drupal/masive/datos/estudios%20economicos/Documentos%20%20elaborados%20por%20la%20Delegatura%20de%20Protecci%C3%B3n%20de%20la%20Competencia/2012/Oleoducto2012.pdf | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Colombia | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Panela in Colombia (Raw Sugar Cane) | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | 2012 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Duration: | 4 months | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Own initiative | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | <p>Panela is a relevant consumption grocery for low income households, but is gradually losing share in households with higher income over as sugar substitutes and artificial sweeteners.</p> <p>Within its market, given the large number of producers there are no potential restrictions on competition from the supply side. However there possibly are from demand side given the low number of intermediaries.</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | http://www.sic.gov.co/drupal/masive/datos/estudios%20economicos/Documentos%20%20elaborados%20por%20la%20Delegatura%20de%20Protecci%C3%B3n%20de%20la%20Competencia/2012/Panela2012.pdf | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Finland | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Retail Market | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | January 2012 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Duration: | Approx. 6 months | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Own initiative | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | To study the use of buying power by the retailers in the daily consumer goods trade. The study assesses in particular the manifestations of the buyer and bargaining power related to the contract negotiations between the groceries trade and grocery industry and the potential impact thereof for the competitive scene in the different parts of the food supply chain. The sectors investigated include the meat processing, bakery, mill and pet food industry. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | Study on trade in groceries - How does buyer power affect the relations between the trade and industry? (in English) | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Germany | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Milk | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | January 2012 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Duration: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | High market transparency about raw milk prices | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | Acquisition of in-depth knowledge of the market. Understand competition structures and power relationships between the individual market levels. | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Spain | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Vertical Relationship between manufacturers and retailers in the food sector. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | October, 2011 | Competition Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> | Consumer Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> | Consumer Education <input type="checkbox"/> | Business Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Voluntary Business Compliance <input type="checkbox"/> | Voluntary Business Action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Referral to Third Parties <input type="checkbox"/> | No Problems Found <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Duration: | 1 year | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Previous antitrust case where potential competition problems were found as regards this vertical link. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growing social concern over the consequences of the increasing bargaining power of retail distribution over other operators of the food supply chain. • Increased concentration of retailers, tendency toward vertical integration, creation of group purchasing organisations and the intensified restrictiveness of the commercial legislation. • Rise in the market share of retailer own brands (private labels) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | http://www.cnmc.es/Portals/0/Ficheros/Promocion/Informes_y_Estudios_Sectoriales/2011/CNC-MDD.pdf | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Japan | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Food wholesale | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | October 2011 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Duration: | 3 years | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Internal competition concern | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There were some cases where wholesalers committed the acts against manufactures as suppliers which could be in violation of the abuse of superior bargaining position. - Especially, according to the past survey, such acts were found in the trade between food manufacturers and wholesalers. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | (Press release and full report in Japanese) http://www.jftc.go.jp/houdou/pressrelease/h23/oct/111019top.html (Press release and summary report in English) http://www.jftc.go.jp/en/pressreleases/yearly-2011/oct/individual-000447.html | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Pakistan | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Cooking Oil & Ghee | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | July, 2011 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Duration: | 05 Months | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | To better understand the functioning of market and identify competition vulnerabilities. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | http://cc.gov.pk/images/Downloads/research_and_publications/competition_assessment_study_of_cooking_oil_and_ghee_sector_in_pakistan.pdf | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Sweden | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Food supply chain | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | April 2011 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Duration: | 9 months | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Government commissioned report | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | Previous studies had analysed different parts of the food supply chain, but there was no overall picture of the situation. The government commissioned the SCA to conduct a study of the competitive and market conditions covering the whole food supply chain. The report concluded that competition in the food supply chain essentially functioned efficiently, and did not consider there was any call for extensive regulatory reforms or other measures to improve competition. However, there are certain circumstances and regulations that impair competition where it may be appropriate to make changes. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | http://www.konkurrensverket.se/globalassets/aktuellt/nyheter/mat-och-marknad---fran-bonde-till-gard.pdf (In Swedish with summary in English) | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Poland | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Production and distribution of gelatine | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | April 2011 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Duration: | 9 months | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | In-house work | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | Study of gelatine production and distribution on the national market. Issues: market structure and concentration. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Colombia | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Food concentrates for poultry, pork and beef industries in Colombia | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | 2011 | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Duration: | 4 months | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Own initiative | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | Make an analysis on possible anti-competitive behavior in this sector between 2009 and 2011 due to the increased number of vertical integrations within this production chain. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | http://www.sic.gov.co/drupal/masive/datos/estudios%20economicos/Documentos%20%20elaborados%20por%20la%20Delegatura%20de%20Protecci%C3%B3n%20de%20la%20Competencia/2011/ABA2012.pdf | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Colombia | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Beef Meat in Colombia | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | 2011 | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Duration: | 4 months | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Own initiative | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | Make an analysis on possible anti-competitive behaviour in this sector between 2009 and 2011 studying its structure and the effects of decree 1500 of 2007 that created an Official System of Control and Surveillance for Meat products. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | http://www.sic.gov.co/drupal/masive/datos/estudios%20economicos/Documentos%20%20elaborados%20por%20la%20Delegatura%20de%20Protecci%C3%B3n%20de%20la%20Competencia/2011/Carne2012.pdf | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Colombia | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Vegetables market in Colombia and its production chain | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | 2011 | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Duration: | 4 months | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Own initiative | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | Understand how the production chain (from growers to consumers) work as concentration levels increase as you go up the chain causing restrictions on competition to appear from the demand side of the market. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | http://www.sic.gov.co/drupal/masive/datos/estudios%20economicos/Documentos%20%20elaborados%20por%20la%20Delegatura%20de%20Protecci%C3%B3n%20de%20la%20Competencia/2011/Hortalizas2012.pdf | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jurisdiction: | Colombia | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Milk and Production Chain in Colombia | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | 2011 | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Duration: | 4 months | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Own initiative | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | Make an analysis on possible anti-competitive behaviour in this sector between 2009 and 2011 due to the oligopolistic structure of the raw milk market. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | http://www.sic.gov.co/drupal/masive/datos/estudios%20economicos/Documentos%20%20elaborados%20por%20la%20Delegatura%20de%20Protecci%C3%B3n%20de%20la%20Competencia/2011/Leche2012.pdf | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Colombia | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Agroindustry: African Palm Oil in Colombia | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | 2011 | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Duration: | 4 months | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Own initiative | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | Develop a diagnosis on possible anti-competitive behaviour in this sector to check whether Colombian producers of Oil from African Palm have some level of market power in Oil international prices. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | http://www.sic.gov.co/drupal/masive/datos/estudios%20economicos/Documentos%20%20elaborados%20por%20la%20Delegatura%20de%20Protecci%C3%B3n%20de%20la%20Competencia/2011/PalmaAfricana2012.pdf | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Bulgaria | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Manufacture of dairy products, operation of dairies and cheese making | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | December 2010 | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Competition Enforcement</td> <td>Consumer Enforcement</td> <td>Consumer Education</td> <td>Business Education</td> <td>Voluntary Business Compliance</td> <td>Voluntary Business Action</td> <td>Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law</td> <td>Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure</td> <td>Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy</td> <td>Referral to Third Parties</td> <td>No Problems Found</td> </tr> </table> | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found | | |
| Duration: | 10 months | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Volatility of the milk price during the period 2007-2009. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | <p>The main reason to initiate the sector inquiry was volatility of the milk price during the period 2007-2009.</p> <p>Result:</p> <p>The conclusion of the SI outlines asymmetry between the market position of the various participants in the chain production - processing of raw cow milk - wholesale and retail trade in milk and milk products. This asymmetry is likely to lead to unfair distribution of added value throughout the chain from the dairy to the end user, in which a significant portion of the income generated focuses on the level of processing of raw cow milk. Concentration of supply is low with a resulting imbalance in bargaining power in the supply chain between farmers and dairies.</p> <p>The sector of raw cow milk is highly fragmented. There is a significant asymmetry between the number of farms and dairies, reaching a ratio of 1:164 in favour of milk processors. This asymmetry gives the dairy processor a strong market position. They are able to impose on milk farms low purchase prices of their cow milk and other adverse trading conditions.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | <p>Decision (in Bulgarian):</p> <p>http://reg.cpc.bg/Decision.aspx?DecID=300027657</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | France | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Retail in the food sector | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | December 2010 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Duration: | 11 months | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Internal | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | <p>The aim of this market study was to assess the behavior of major retailers regarding commercial estate management and affiliation contracts between independent stores and retail groups.</p> <p>The survey revealed that new entrants faced many difficulties when trying to open a new store. This is due not only to tight regulation and the scarcity of appropriate estate but also to behavioural barriers to entry on the part of incumbent retailers, such as non-compete clauses and priority rights.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Autorité found that the concentration level in many catchment areas was a matter of concern, with competition limited in these areas to 3 or 4 major retailer groups, if not less.</p> <p>The Authority issued recommendations to support the removal of obstacles to the mobility of independent stores across retail groups, often held captive to the retail group they are affiliated by virtue of restrictive contractual terms and/or excessively long durations.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | <p>Press release in English http://www.autoritedelaconurrence.fr/user/standard.php?id_rub=368&id_article=1512</p> <p>Full opinion in English http://www.autoritedelaconurrence.fr/doc/10a26_en.pdf</p> | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Portugal | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | FMCG (Fast Moving Consumer Goods) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | October 2010 | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Duration: | 15 months | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | See side text. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | <p>The commercial relations between the large retail groups (LRGs) and their suppliers have been the subject of debate in Portugal for a number of years, as they have been in many countries across Europe, with many factors coming together: the growth of Large Retailing Groups (LRGs); the imbalance in bargaining power, with suppliers on the downside; the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP); and the volatility of prices for certain foodstuff on international markets. It was against this backdrop that the Portuguese Competition Authority (PCA) decided to undertake this market study. The aim of this market study was to give as detailed a picture as possible of the food supply chain in Portugal as the LRGs are concerned. This report analyses the behavior of the nine LRGs operating in Portugal, covering a representative sample of what are generally referred to as “fast moving consumer goods” (FMCG). This includes dairy products (UHT milk, yoghurts, cheese and butter), rice, pastas, flour, breakfast cereals, biscuits, vegetable oils (seed-oils, olive oil and margarine), fruit and vegetables, and soft drinks, coffee and substitutes. The nine LRGs held a market share of around 85% of foodstuff in 2008, with the two biggest groups coming in with around half of that market share. FMCGs account for around three-quarters of spending in supermarkets. The main reasons for the study were the several complaints lodged by different market operators over the unilateral imposition of terms and conditions (i.e., negotiations around a standard contract), the application of seemingly abusive discounts and related mechanisms, such as penalties, and certain payment terms being practiced.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | <p>Unabridged Version in Portuguese: http://www.concorrenca.pt/SiteCollectionDocuments/Estudos e Publicacoes/Ou tros/AdC Relatorio Final Distribuicao Fornecedores Outubro 2010.pdf</p> <p>Abridged Version in English: http://www.concorrenca.pt/SiteCollectionDocuments/Estudos e Publicacoes/Ou tros/AdC Relatorio Final Distribuicao Fornecedores Outubro 2010 en.pdf</p> | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | El Salvador | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Cheese | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | August/16/2010 (Decision date) | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | | | | | | | | | | |
| Duration: | Start date (contract): October/2009 End date (decision): August/2010 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | It was included in the studies plan of 2006-2010. Also, it was considered necessary as a complement of the first study of dairy products which was focused on milk | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | There were concerns due to a sustained elevation of price levels in the last five years and its impact on consumer welfare, given that it is a product of massive consumption. Also, this market is considered to have a great relevance due to the jobs and income that it generates. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | Report: http://www.sc.gob.sv/pages.php?Id=950 Decision: http://www.sc.gob.sv/pages.php?Id=1525 | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Spain | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Food and Agriculture | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | June, 2010 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | | | | | | | | | | |
| Duration: | 1 year | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Request from the President of the Finance and Tax Office Committee (Spanish Parliament) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | Guiding principles for the market. In particular in the following topics: (i) price recommendations, (ii) price agreements, (iii) Cooperatives, (iv) Quality, (v) access to information, (vi) codes of conducts and contract, and (vii) standard agreements. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | http://www.cnmc.es/Portals/0/Ficheros/Promocion/Informes y Estudios Sectoriales/2010/100616%20informe%20%20sector%20agroalimentario.pdf | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Zambia | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Causes of price increase in Maize meal | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | March 2010 | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Duration: | 9 months | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | High price of maize meal | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | Study started as a result of the observed high price of maize meal, Zambia's staple food. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Turkey | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Meat (Beef, veal and lamb meat) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | January 2010 | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Duration: | 8 Months | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | A previous preliminary investigation | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | The reason for the market study was to understand the reasons behind the dramatic price increases in the market. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | http://www.rekabet.gov.tr/File/?path=ROOT%2f1%2fDocuments%2fSekt%25c3%25b6r%2bRaporu%2fsektorrapor5.pdf | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Czech Republic | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Packed Mineral Waters | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | October 2009 | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Duration: | 6 months | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Own initiative | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | Market structure indicated that mergers between some undertakings and the recent changes in the market structure influenced the competition environment. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Honduras | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Basics Grains | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | September 2009 | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Duration: | 6 months | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Internal | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | To look into competition conditions in respect of producers and industrial processors. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Croatia | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Manufacturing of fresh milk and dairy products in Croatia in year 2010 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Duration: | 8 months; the study was done on yearly basis. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Own initiative | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | The market study was conducted to gain an insight into the market. There were certain competition problems identified in the past, so every year a market study is conducted as a form of monitoring. Data and other information has been provided by undertakings (sample of undertakings) based on CCA's request. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Croatia | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Retail trade in groceries, predominantly food, beverages and sanitary products sector | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Duration: | Yearly basis | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Own initiative | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | To determine the players on the market and their markets shares for further work of the Croatian Competition Agency (CCA). | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Honduras | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Wheat Flour | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
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| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | Rising prices of goods derived from wheat flour. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Croatia | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Investigation of distributive trade sector (groceries) in Croatia in year 2008 | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | 24 August 2009 | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Duration: | 6 months (the sector inquiry started on 27 February 2009); the study is done on yearly basis. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Own initiative | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | The market study was conducted to gain an overview of the market. There were certain competition problems identified in the past, so every year a market study is conducted as a form of monitoring. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Croatia | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Manufacturing of fresh milk and dairy products in Croatia in year 2008 | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | 4 August 2009 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Duration: | 6 months (the sector inquiry started on 27 February 2009); the study is done on yearly basis. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Own initiative | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | The market study was conducted to gain an insight into the market. There were certain competition problems identified in the past, so every year a market study is conducted as a form of monitoring. | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | El Salvador | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Milk | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | June 2009 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Duration: | 6 months | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | It was included in the studies plan for 2006-2010. | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | Sustained rises in price levels and the impact on consumer welfare due to its massive consumption, and it is also included in the basic food basket. In addition, there were relatively few competitors in the production and distribution of fluid and powder milk. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | Report: http://www.sc.gob.sv/pages.php?Id=208 Decision: http://www.sc.gob.sv/pages.php?Id=1522 | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Pakistan | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Sugar Sector in Pakistan | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | June, 2009 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | | | | | | | | | | |
| Duration: | 01 Year | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Own initiative | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | To examine a probable cartel agreement between market players, abuse of dominance and regulatory issues. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | http://cc.gov.pk/images/Downloads/research_and_publications/sugar_report.pdf | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Honduras | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Concentrated Food for Animal Consumption | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | June 2009 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | | | | | | | | | | |
| Duration: | 7 months | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Internal | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | Sector highly concentrated with a oligopoly market structure and a pronounced vertical integration (30 producers, but 2 of them represented 85% of the total market supply). | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Legal restrictions such as agreement between processor and government and CAFTA limiting the benefits for competitors. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | El Salvador | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Rice | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | April 2009 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Duration: | 9 months | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | It was included in the studies plan for 2006-2010. Also, there were some complaints from small rice industrials. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | There were concerns about the market structure composed of few participants, a sustained rise of prices, and the impact on consumer welfare. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | Report: http://www.sc.gob.sv/pages.php?Id=262 Decision: http://www.sc.gob.sv/pages.php?Id=1520 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Czech Republic | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Soft Drinks | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | February 2009 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Duration: | 7 months | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Other undertakings and competitors, customers | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Estonia | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Market of raw milk | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | 2009 | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Duration: | 6 months | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Publicly available information (in media), market participants | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | Competition problems with the selling and purchasing of raw milk, price level of raw milk etc. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Norway | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Dairy markets | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | 2009 | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Duration: | Approximately 1 year | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Internal - Study part of the NCA publication "Competition in Norway" | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | <p>How to contribute to increased competition in the dairy sector has been an issue for several years. Several measures have been introduced in that regard. Nevertheless, competition is limited, and Tine's strong position in the dairy products market makes it difficult to develop effective competition.</p> <p>Tine is nearly the unique supplier of dairy products to the food processing industry, and is simultaneously dominant on most markets where the processed products are sold. The dairy market is characterized by high barriers to entry, which makes it difficult for existing and potential competitors to Tine to enter and expand in these markets. Such a market structure creates conditions conducive to abuse of a dominant position in violation of the Competition Act.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | http://www.konkurransetilsynet.no/ImageVault/Images/id_1817/ImageVaultHandler.aspx | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Norway | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Norwegian grocery market | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | 2009 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | | | | | | | | | |
| Duration: | Approximately 1 year | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Internal - The study was part of the NCA publication "Competition in Norway" | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | <p>Grocery prices are considerably higher in Norway than in the other Scandinavian countries. At the same time, the choice is more limited. Some of the causes of this are related to conditions outside the grocery trade, for example land use policies. However, concentration in retail distribution has increased over recent years. Two national chains and a regional chain have withdrawn their activities, among other reasons because they met entry barriers in the form of high tariff barriers for food products, vertical integration of the wholesale and retail distribution and municipal planning decisions. Effective competition in the grocery market is meanwhile decisive to prevent prices becoming higher than necessary, and for consumers to have a sufficiently broad choice among grocery products.</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Estonia | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Competitive situation in the market of sale of dairy products | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | End of 2008 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | | | | | | | | | |
| Duration: | 2007-2008 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Publicly available information and information from market operators. | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | <p>Study was started because of the increase in retail prices of dairy products.</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Denmark | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | The food supply chain for bread, milk and butter | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | October 2008 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | | | | | | | | | |
| Duration: | 7 months | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Internal competition concerns caused by the fact that the overall increase in food prices in Denmark was higher than in our neighbouring countries | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | To elucidate to which degree the international increase in prices could explain the rising prices that consumers have experienced, and to what degree the food supply industry chain increased its prices above this level. | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Lithuania | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Retail trade in Food products | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | October 2008 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | | | | | | | | | |
| Duration: | 7 months | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | The assignment of the Government | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | To examine activities of major chain stores in respect of establishment of unfair supply conditions, to determine their market power. | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Honduras | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Sugar | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | April 2008 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | | | | | | | | | | |
| Duration: | 8 months | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Internal | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | <p>Some market irregularities which could cause restrictions to competition, such as: monopoly structure at product distribution level, United States quota is a kind of barrier for profit competition at international market, strong limitations for selling sugar at the regional market, moderated concentration at production level and a high concentration at the distributions level.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Ireland | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Grocery Retailing and Wholesaling | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | 2008 | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Duration: | 2 years | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Required by Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | <p>Following the Government's decision to abolish the Groceries Order in March 2006, the Competition Authority was required to monitor the structure of the grocery trade on an ongoing basis in order to see how it responded to the new legislative environment.</p> <p>The Competition Authority subsequently initiated the Grocery Monitor Project. This consisted of three reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Description of the Structure and Operation of Grocery Retailing and Wholesaling in Ireland: 2001 to 2006 which provides a description of the market structure at the wholesale and retail levels of the Irish grocery sector. • Price Trends in the Irish Retail Grocery Sector: A Description of the Evolution of Retail Grocery Prices between 2001 and 2007 which considers the impact of the removal of the Groceries Order by examining the evolution of the aggregate retail grocery price trends since 2001. • The Retail Planning System as applied to the Retail Grocery Sector: 2001 to 2006 which examines whether the retail planning system makes it difficult for new retailers to enter the Irish grocery market, and for existing retailers to expand. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | http://www.ccpc.ie/monitoring-irish-groceries-market | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | UK | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Supply of Groceries in the UK | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | April 2008 | Competition Enforcement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Consumer Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> | Consumer Education <input type="checkbox"/> | Business Education <input type="checkbox"/> | Voluntary Business Compliance <input type="checkbox"/> | Voluntary Business Action <input type="checkbox"/> | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure <input type="checkbox"/> | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Referral to Third Parties <input type="checkbox"/> | No Problems Found <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Duration: | 2 years | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Referred to CC by the OFT under section 131 of the Enterprise Act 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | <p>Retail High levels of concentration of grocery stores in local markets, persisting over long periods of time (large and mid-sized grocery stores).</p> <p>Barriers to entry created by the planning regime and the manner in which the planning regime is applied by Local Planning Authorities (large grocery stores), including:</p> <p>Limiting construction of new grocery stores on out-of-centre or edge-of-centre sites.</p> <p>Imposing costs and risks on smaller retailers and entrants without pre-existing grocery retail operations in the UK that are not borne to the same extent by existing national-level grocery retailers.</p> <p>Barriers to entry created by the control of land in highly concentrated local markets by incumbent retailers, which limit new larger grocery stores' access to potential sites.</p> <p>Supply Chain The exercise of buyer power by certain grocery retailers and symbol groups with respect to their suppliers of groceries through the adoption of supply chain practices that transfer excessive risks and unexpected costs to those suppliers.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Zambia | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Competition in Retail Sector in the Poultry, Beef and Dairy Sectors | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | 2008 | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Duration: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Quest to understand competition dynamics in the 3 sectors | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | Study commenced for the Commission to understand and appreciate the levels of competition in the three sectors. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Estonia | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Food Processing Industry | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | End of 2007 | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Duration: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Publicly available information | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | The reason of study was to gain in-depth understanding of how the sector is working. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Lithuania | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Retail trade in Food products | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | November 2007 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Duration: | 4 months | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | The assignment of the Government | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | To examine the rise in prices of staple food products during the period from July 2006 up to September 2007, and to evaluate reasons as to why this occurred. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Honduras | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Processed Milk | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | October 2007 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Duration: | 10 months | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Media and consumer dissatisfaction | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | To look into possible market restrictions. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Austria | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Grocery | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | June 2007 | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Duration: | Due to procedural difficulties 3 and a half years | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Anonymous complaints and media reports | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | <p>In 2004, the FCA started its sector inquiry of buyer power of big supermarket chains vis-à-vis their suppliers. The inquiry has been triggered off by anonymous complaints and media reports about allegedly abusive supply chain practices.</p> <p>Result:</p> <p>The FCA could not prove abusive behaviour but will keep the grocery sector under strict scrutiny. The FCA will thoroughly assess any well-founded evidence on allegedly abusive conduct in the sector. The investigations have shown that suppliers are very reluctant to provide such information in fear of retaliatory measures such as the de-listing of products.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Italy | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Agri Food | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | June 2007 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Duration: | 24 months | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | High costs of distribution services and numerous rises in the prices of agri-foodstuffs | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | The objective of the investigation into food distribution was to analyze the operation of the distribution chain in fruits and vegetables. The aim of the inquiry was to verify whether the organization and structure of the industry might be inefficient, resulting in higher prices for consumers. Another factor triggering the investigation was a widespread perception that fruit and vegetable prices had increased at the time of the lira-euro changeover. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | http://www.agcm.it/en/newsroom/press-releases/1647-distribution-of-food-and-agricultural-products.html | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | US - FTC | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Antitrust analysis of grocery industry | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | May 2007 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Duration: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Bureau of Competition and Bureau of Economics | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | The conference looked at antitrust analysis of the grocery industry including both historical analysis and analysis of current methods. Topics included historical review of the FTC's actions in this industry, current economic analysis of grocery and retail competition, and recent work on new methods for analysing grocery and retail competition. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/events-calendar/2007/05/grocery-store-antitrust-historical-retrospective-current | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Czech Republic | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | On-trade Beer Distribution | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | March 2007 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | | | | | | | | | |
| Duration: | 8 months | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Complaints of Brewery | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | Exclusive arrangements between pubs and breweries. Due to obligation of high minimal purchase of beer many pubs can not offer beer from other breweries to their customers. | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Lithuania | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Retail trade in Food Products | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | February 2007 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | | | | | | | | | |
| Duration: | 9 months | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | The assignment of the Government | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | To establish market shares and position in the market of the major chain stores. | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Czech Republic | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Beer Distribution | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | September 2006 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Duration: | 8 months | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Complaints of customers, information from operators of restaurants, own initiative | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | <p>Breweries bound its customers to purchase minimum amounts, suspicion of price-fixing.</p> <p>The Office has been tackling the market continually since the second half of the 1990s.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Portugal | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Cereal (wheat) milling for bread | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | 2006 (although recently expanded to a more disaggregated analysis of the bread making process). | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Duration: | 2 years | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Request from government | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | A significant increase in the price of bread was observed. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Zambia | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Abuse of Dominance in Sugar Industry | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | 2006 | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Duration: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Excessive pricing | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | High/excessive prices of sugar in Zambia prompted the study as it was felt that the dominant firm in the sugar industry with market share of 97.5% was abusing its market power. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Colombia | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Sugar | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | 2006 | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Duration: | 4 months | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | A combination of own initiative and a recommendation from the Minister of Agriculture | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | The production of sugar is one of the most important sectors in the Colombian economy. It is a highly developed industry with state-of-the-art technology. The purpose of the study was to gain general understanding of the whole production process of the sugar, from the sugar cane crops to the production, refining and commercialisation process. In addition, an important goal of the study was to obtain general knowledge of the sector and the market. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Finland | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Nordic Food Market | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | November 2005 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | | | | | | | | | |
| Duration: | 14 months m | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Own initiative (study conducted in co-operation with competition authorities from the Nordic Countries) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | To examine the competition in the food markets in the Nordic region. The background for the competition concerns was the relatively high level of prices and the increasing number of restricted food products when compared to the European average. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link to report: | Nordic food market | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Jurisdiction: | Russia | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Alimentation Goods and Transportation in the South f Russia | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | August 2005 | Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found | | | | | | | | | |
| Duration: | 5 months | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Request from the Office of the Plenipotentiary representative of the President of the RF in the Southern Federal District | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | Improving competitive environment in the region as a means to facilitate its economic development. | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Norway | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Norwegian grocery market | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | 2005 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Duration: | 10 months | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Media allegations as well as a case with a dairy producer being excluded from one of the chains as a consequence of alleged pressure from a dominant supplier | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | The study analyses the competitive effect of slotting allowances (listing payments) in the Norwegian grocery market. Listing payments encompass a whole spectrum of discounts, bonuses and up-front payments, which the suppliers pay in order to obtain favourable placement in the shelves of the retail chains. The study found that such payments may foreclose small suppliers from the market. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Norway | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Dairy sector | | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | 2005 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Duration: | 8 months | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Commissioned study | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | Commissioned analysis of the competition situation and recommended measures to increase competition in the dairy sector. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Norway | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Nordic food markets | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | 2005 | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Duration: | Approximately 1 year | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | Nordic competition authorities - joint report. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome (tick relevant columns): | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | Food prices tend to be higher in the Nordic countries compared to other European countries. At the same time the supply of food articles in the Nordic supermarkets appear to exhibit a narrower range of products than in other European countries. Against this background, it was decided at the Nordic meeting of Competition Authorities in September 2004 to look closer at the conditions on the Nordic food markets. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jurisdiction: | Colombia | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market: | Milk and Milk Derivatives | Range of Possible Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
| End Date: | 2004 | Competition Enforcement | Consumer Enforcement | Consumer Education | Business Education | Voluntary Business Compliance | Voluntary Business Action | Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law | Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure | Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy | Referral to Third Parties | No Problems Found |
| Duration: | 4 months | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of idea for study: | A combination of own initiative and a recommendation from the Minister of Agriculture | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Reason for study (what were the problems)? | The milk and its derivatives is the most important food product consumed in the internal market produced from animal sources. The purpose of the study was to gain general understanding of the whole production process of milk and its derivatives and to obtain general knowledge of the sector and the market, especially the behavior of the firms operating in the market. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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