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Ireland – The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission UPDATED: DECEMBER 2015

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Sector:	Transport											
Market:	Ports						Ran	ge of Possible	e Outcomes			
End Date:	2013	ment	ent	_			Action	lges	- 90 - 90	ent	ties	
Duration:	12 months ¹	Inforce	forcem	Education	cation	siness	Business A	tions to or Changes	tions to to Change ture	dations for Government	Third Parties	Found
Source of idea for study:	Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation requested a study of competition in the Irish Ports Sector	Competition Enforcement	Competition Enforceme Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Ed	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Bu	Recommendations Government for Ch in the Law	Recommendations Government to Cha Market Structure	Recommendations Changes to Governi Policy	Referral to Th	No Problems
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¹ The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission of Ireland was established in October 2014 following the merger of the Competition Authority and the National Consumer Agency. The Commission is responsible for enforcing competition and consumer law in Ireland.

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Sector: Market:	Professions General Medical Practitioner Services						Ran	ge of Possibl	e Outcomes			
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Source of idea for study:	The Competition Authority (now the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission) carried out a series of studies on Competition in Professional Services in Ireland. The studies covered eight professions in the construction, legal and medical sectors.	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 s problems)?	 The Competition Authority and Consumer Protection Commission is using these studies to: (a) examine regulations and practices that potentially restrict competition (b) have anti-competitive restrictions abolished or replaced; (c) identify behaviour which, although not necessarily breaching competition law, nevertheless inhibits competition. 											
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Sector: Market:	Retail Sector (Excluding Food And Drink Only Market Studies) Import and distribution of products for retail -		Range of Possible Outcomes											
	mainly in groceries, pharmaceuticals and clothing					r		T	r	r	T			
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Sector:	Professions											
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Sector: Market:	Insurance Private Health Insurance			-			Ran	ge of Possibl	e Outcomes			
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Sector:	Professions											
Market:	Dentists						Ran	ge of Possibl	e Outcomes			
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Sector:	Professions											
Market:	Solicitors and Barristers						Ran	ge of Possibl	e Outcomes			
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Sector:	Professions											
Market:	Optometrists						Ran	ge of Possibl	e Outcomes			
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Sector:	Professions											
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