



ADVOCACY WORKING GROUP
MARKET STUDIES PROJECT

MARKET STUDIES INFORMATION STORE

SECTOR:

TRAVEL AND TOURISM

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Travel and Tourism

Jurisdiction:	Colombia											
Market:	Airports 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
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)?	This study aims to understand the structure of the airport sector in Colombia, its functioning and dynamics in order to establish whether there are potential management practices that distort free competition in the submarkets that are within the sector.											
Link to report:	http://www.sic.gov.co/drupal/recursos_user/documentos/promocion_competencia/Estudios_Economicos/Estudios_Economicos/Estudios_Mercado_Aeropuertos.pdf											

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Jurisdiction:	Japan											
Market:	Hotel business	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	May 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:	2 years		<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"/>
Source of idea for study:	Internal competition concern		<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"/>
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"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There were violations of the Antimonopoly act as the abuse of superior bargaining position by the hotel business operators against their suppliers, and the JFTC issued the cease and desist orders or warnings against such conducts. - In the "Fact-Finding Survey on Trading between Large-Scale Retailers and Suppliers" published in May 2010, some suppliers answered that there were certain unreasonable requests form hotel business operators. 											
Link to report:	(Press release and full report in Japanese) http://www.jftc.go.jp/houdou/pressrelease/h24/may/120516_2.html (Press release and summary report in English) http://www.jftc.go.jp/en/pressreleases/yearly-2012/may/individual-000481.html											

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Jurisdiction:	Colombia	Range of Possible Outcomes									
Market:	Travel Agencies in Colombia										
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										
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)?	The understanding of the market allows the Superintendence of Industry and Commerce to make an analysis of the market concentration and existent competition issues and entry barriers.										
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/Agencias_Viajes.pdf										

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Jurisdiction:	Bulgaria	Range of Possible Outcomes											
Market:	Hotels and accommodation services												
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 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"/>
Duration:	1 year 1 month												
Source of idea for study:	media publications												
Outcome (tick relevant columns):													
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	<p>Reasons for the Study: Media information for irrational price policy implying horizontal collusion or vertical restraints between hotels and tourist agents.</p> <p>The SI gives recommendations and legislative analyses of the investigative and assessment approach of the CPC to some practices:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clauses with potential vertical restraints in the contracts between hotels and tourist agents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - exclusive geographical right for the tour operators; - exclusive supply right to the tour operators; 2. Associations (national and regional). There are in general a large number of hotels thus the branch organizations are instrumental for entering or promoting anticompetitive collusion. Such associations should protect themselves from becoming a focal point of such practices. 3. Vertical integration. There are cases of vertical integration between hotels and businesses that run essential facilities - in skiing, for example, that have a monopoly position for an entire tourist region. Such integrated suppliers should pay more attention to the prices of their bundle services and the access prices to their essential facilities offered to the consumers and to the competitors on the adjacent accommodation market (hotels, etc.). 												
Link to report:	Decision (in Bulgarian): http://reg.cpc.bg/Decision.aspx?DecID=300029953												

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Jurisdiction:	Croatia											
Market:	Tour Operators	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
Duration:	5 months											
Source of idea for study:	Own initiative/based on press releases											
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)?	To collect information on possible cartel activities.											
Link to report:												