

# Competition Law In Croatia: A Comprehensive Guide for Businesses and Practitioners



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Competition law is a body of law that seeks to promote competition and prevent anti-competitive practices. It is an important part of the legal framework of any modern economy, and Croatia is no exception.

Competition law in Croatia is based on the principles of the European Union (EU). The EU has a well-developed body of competition law, and Croatia has adopted many of these principles into its own law.

This book provides a comprehensive overview of competition law in Croatia. It covers all the major topics, including:

\* The Croatian Competition Act \* The Croatian Competition Authority \* Anti-competitive agreements \* Abuse of dominance \* Merger control \* State aid

This book is written by leading experts in the field of competition law. It is an essential resource for businesses and practitioners who need to understand the Croatian competition law regime.

## **The Croatian Competition Act**

The Croatian Competition Act (CCA) is the primary piece of legislation that governs competition law in Croatia. The CCA was adopted in 2009 and it implements the EU's competition rules into Croatian law.

The CCA prohibits anti-competitive agreements, abuse of dominance, and mergers that would create or strengthen a dominant position. The CCA also contains provisions on state aid and the enforcement of competition law.

The CCA is enforced by the Croatian Competition Authority (CCA). The CCA is an independent body that is responsible for investigating and prosecuting violations of the CCA.

## **The Croatian Competition Authority**

The Croatian Competition Authority (CCA) is the independent body that is responsible for enforcing competition law in Croatia. The CCA was established in 2009 and it is headquartered in Zagreb.

The CCA has a wide range of powers, including the power to:

\* Investigate suspected violations of the CCA \* Issue cease and desist Free Downloads \* Impose fines \* Break up companies

The CCA is an important part of the Croatian competition law regime. It plays a vital role in ensuring that competition is fair and that consumers are

protected from anti-competitive practices.

## **Anti-competitive Agreements**

Anti-competitive agreements are agreements between businesses that restrict competition. The CCA prohibits anti-competitive agreements, including agreements that:

\* Fix prices \* Divide markets \* Boycott competitors

Anti-competitive agreements can harm consumers by raising prices, reducing choice, and stifling innovation.

The CCA provides for a number of exemptions from the prohibition on anti-competitive agreements. These exemptions include agreements that:

\* Are necessary to improve production or distribution \* Are necessary to promote technical or economic progress \* Do not have a significant effect on competition

## **Abuse of Dominance**

Abuse of dominance occurs when a business with a dominant position in a market uses its power to harm competitors or consumers. The CCA prohibits abuse of dominance, including:

\* Predatory pricing \* Tying \* Refusal to supply

Abuse of dominance can harm consumers by raising prices, reducing choice, and stifling innovation.

The CCA provides for a number of defenses to a charge of abuse of dominance. These defenses include:

\* The business has a legitimate business reason for its conduct \* The business's conduct does not have a significant effect on competition

## **Merger Control**

Mergers are transactions that combine two or more businesses. The CCA requires that mergers that meet certain thresholds be notified to the CCA for review.

The CCA will review a merger to determine whether it is likely to create or strengthen a dominant position. If the CCA finds that a merger is likely to harm competition, it may block the merger or require the businesses to take steps to mitigate the harm.

## **State Aid**

State aid is financial assistance that governments provide to businesses. The CCA prohibits state aid that is likely to distort competition.

The CCA provides for a number of exemptions from the prohibition on state aid. These exemptions include aid that:

\* Is necessary to promote economic development \* Is necessary to protect the environment \* Does not have a significant effect on competition

## **Enforcement of Competition Law**

The CCA is enforced by the Croatian Competition Authority (CCA). The CCA has a wide range of powers to investigate and prosecute violations of

the CCA.

The CCA can impose a number of penalties for violations of the CCA, including:

\* Fines \* Cease and desist Free Downloads \* Break-up Free Downloads

The CCA also has the power to impose criminal penalties for serious violations of the CCA.

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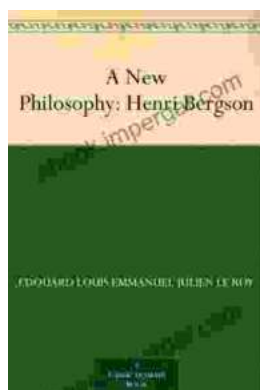
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