

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND TRENDS IN NATIONAL COMPETITION LAW AND POLICY IN SINGAPORE

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Latest Milestones

□ Celebrated CCS's 10 years anniversary in 2015





Changes within CCS

- New Board appointments
- New Directors for Legal and Enforcement Divisions
- □ Creation of new Director-level specialist positions
 - Senior Principal Economist ("SPE"), and
 - Senior Principal Legal Counsel ("SPLC")
- □ All new Directors "in-house" promotions
- New Functional Unit Research and Publication Unit
 - Provide strategic direction to CCS's economic and legal research efforts
 - Develop strong research culture for
 - CCS officers



ICN 2016



- □ Hosted ICN 2016 in Singapore
- More than 500 participants (competition practitioners, experts and senior government officials) from over 80

jurisdictions







ICN 2016



□ ASEAN focused sessions

- Special Plenary on Building Economic Communities with Competition Policy
- AANZFTA Heads of Agencies' Luncheon
- UNCTAD's Work on Competition and Consumer Protection Laws and Policies in the ASEAN and Pacific Region

□ Sessions for Younger Agencies

- International Cooperation: How to make it work for younger agencies?
- **D** By Younger Agencies for Younger Agencies
- Implementing ICN's Work: Making a Practical Impact
- **D** Effective Technical Assistance Programmes



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AANZFTA Heads of Agencies' Lunch Meeting





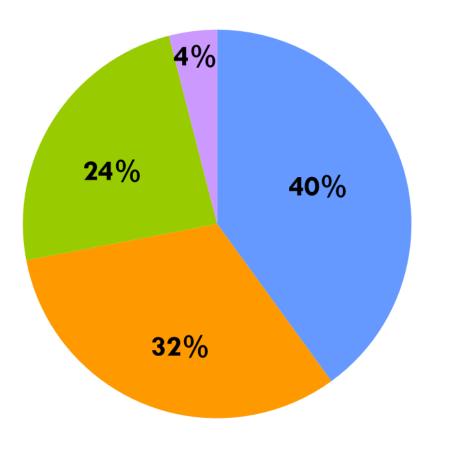
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Cases Completed (FY 2015)



- Section 34 (Anticompetitive agreements)
- Section 47 (Abuse of dominance)
- Section 54 (Mergers)

Section 34 & 47



Leniency Program Gaining Traction

- \square 2005 2010: 5 applications
- \Box 2010 2016: more than 40 applications
- □ Review to further refine the CCS leniency program
 - More incentives such as a penalty discount of up to 50% will be provided for coercers and initiators of a cartel activity

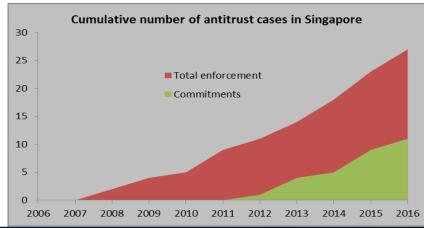


Using wider range of tools to ensure markets work well

Commitments

Currently, CCS is empowered to accept legally binding commitments only in relation to merger cases

- Sections 60A, 60B and 85 of the Competition Act
- Non-binding undertakings for other types of cases, including anticompetitive agreements and abuses of dominance
 - Close an investigation on the basis that the undertaking addresses the competition concerns



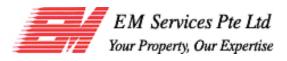


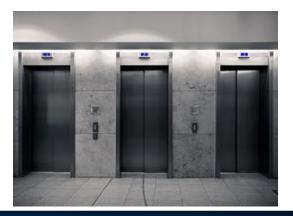
Closing Investigations with Commitments





Asia Pacific Breweries (Singapore) Pte Ltd ceased its practice of supplying draught beer to retail outlets solely on an exclusive basis.





E M Services committed to supply lift spare parts to all third-party lift maintenance contractors



one chance, one choice.

Cordlife Group Limited removed existing exclusive arrangements with baby fair organisers and hospitals.



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Quantifying Effects of CCS's Decisions

Rationale

- Estimate benefits arising from enforcement
- Justify resources being spent on enforcement
- Understand if outcomes can be improved
- Ex-ante quantification and
 Ex-post quantification





Providing greater clarity and streamlining processes

- □ Key changes in the CCS Guidelines Review
 - New Fast Track Procedure
 - Assessment of object cases
 - Change to relevant financial year for the calculation of penalties (on-going consultation)
 - New Commitments Procedure
 - Clarification that CCS will consider undertaking's business/ economic presence in Singapore when imposing financial penalties vs. where undertaking is located and/or where accounts are booked



E-Commerce in Singapore

□ Rise in e-Commerce issues



- □ To further study E-commerce in ASEAN
- □ Working with other relevant government agencies
 - Dec 2015: Seminar to share findings of a CCScommissioned report on e-commerce
 - More than 150 participants from different business sectors
 - Report concluded that Singapore's competition law is generally well-equipped to deal with the issues that may arise in the context of digital markets (e.g. network effects and multi-sided platforms)
 - Help our Small and Medium Enterprises to leverage technology innovations to tap on new growth areas and to expand their regional or global reach

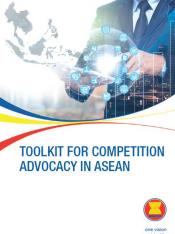


Strengthening International & Regional Engagements









- Involved in negotiations of the TPP's competition chapter (most comprehensive to-date)
- Chairing negotiations for the Working Group on Competition under the RCEP
- Leading efforts in the ASEAN Competition Policy and Law Programme
- Chaired AEGC work group on developing strategy and tools for regional competition advocacy
- Co-organised training programme on Competition, Investment and Transparency with the US Federal Trade Commission





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