

Newsletter

During the months of May- August, the Competition Authority has taken 24 decisions:

- Prohibited agreements: **3 decisions;**
- Abuse of a dominant position: **3 decisions;**
- Concentrations: **11 decisions;**
- Recommendation: **3 decisions;**
- Exemption from the agreement: **2 decisions;**
- Other decisions: **2 decisions.**



Among the most important decisions to mention

1 Abuse of dominant position

Market of providing the service of legal control of measuring instruments

Competition Commission by Decision no. 884, dated 18.05.2022, decided:

- Closing the preliminary investigation procedure against the undertaking NOA CONTROL LLC, in the market of providing the service of legal control of measuring instruments, through the verification of distribution instruments of fuel and LPG;
- The obligation of the undertaking NOA CONTROL LLC, as an undertaking with special rights through the Concession Agreement "For the service of legal control of measuring instruments, through the verification distribution instruments of fuel and liquid gas", that during the exercise of its activity in respect of the principles and rules of competition, especially the provisions of Article 9 of Law no. 9121/2003 "On competition protection".

2 Concentration

The Competition Commission, based on Article 60 of Law No. 9121, dated 28.7.2003 "On Competition Protection", as amended, has authorized the temporary concentration by decision no. 901, dated 29.07.2022 "On the authorization of the temporary concentration obtained through the proposed purchase of the shares of the undertaking Vishnupriya Farms Private Limited from the undertaking Statkraft IH Holdings As". The authorization of the temporary concentration will be valid until the signing of the agreement by the parties in the transaction.

3 Exemption from the agreement

The Competition Commission, by Decision no. 905, dated 29.07.2022, decided to exempt from prohibition the Distribution Agreement between the parties Swixx Biopharma AG and Sanofi-Aventis Groupe. The agreement does not affect Sanof's market share in relation to products subject to exemption, as the Swixx's market for prescription products in Albania does not overlap with Sanof's ATC3 product classes. After the implementation of the Agreement, the competitive conditions of the market will remain the same.

4 Guideline

The Competition Commission, by Decision no. 890, dated 10.06.2022 decided on the approval of the Guideline "On restrictions of competition "by object" for purposes of determining agreements of minor importance".



Activities



In the framework of further promotion of the culture of competition, the Competition Authority continues with the meetings organized as a new tradition of communication with the stakeholders, the academic area for the purpose of recognizing and promoting the culture of competition and strengthening cooperation with businesses.

- On 07.06.2022, in the city of Fier, was held on the workshop "On increasing the culture of competition and strengthening cooperation with business" with the participation of the Chairman of the Competition Authority, Mr. Denar Biba, representatives of the ACA and business representatives of the Fier District.
- On 31.05.2022, in the premises of the European University of Tirana, was held on the workshop on "Further promotion of the culture of competition with the academic area" with the participation of the Chairman of the Competition Authority, Mr. Denar Biba, representatives of the ACA, professors and students of the master's program in the field of law and economics.
- On 19.05.2022, in the premises of the Mediterranean University of Albania, was held on an open lecture on "Implementation of Law No. 9121 "On the Competition protection", dated 28.07.2003 and market regulation" with the participation of the Chairman of the Competition Authority, Mr. Denar Biba, the representative of the ACA, professors and students of the master's program in the field of law and economics.

These informative/educational meetings will continue to be organized by the Competition Authority within the framework of the recommendations given by the Resolution of the Assembly of Albania, "On the evaluation of the activity of the Competition Authority for year 2021", as well as a mission for the Authority to further promote the competition culture.