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| Australia | 27/03/2020 | The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has stated that timelines for some reviews/applications (including those with statutory time-frames) may need to be extended where there are challenges in conducting and completing necessary inquiries. | https://www.accc.gov.au/media-release/accc-response-to-covid-19-pandemic | 25/03/2020 | Medical technology companies are permitted to work together to coordinate the supply and potential manufacture of ventilators, testing kits and other medical equipment. | https://www.accc.gov.au/media-release/cooperation-to-aid-supply-of-covid-19-medical-equipment |
| | | | | 25/03/2020 | Interim authorisation has been granted by the ACCC for supermarkets to coordinate with each other when working with manufacturers, suppliers, and transport and logistics providers. | https://www.accc.gov.au/media-release/supermarkets-to-work-together-to-ensure-grocery-supply |
| | | | | 01/05/2020 | Wholesale and retail energy companies have been granted conditional interim authorisation to co-operate in providing financial relief to customers financially impacted by COVID-19. | https://www.accc.gov.au/media-release/electricity-and-gas-companies-to-co-operate-on-relief-package |
| | | | | 24/04/2020 | Mining companies have been granted interim authorisation to co-ordinate on the sourcing, purchase and distribution of crucial supplies and services. | https://www.accc.gov.au/media-release/mining-companies-allowed-to-co-operate-during-covid-19-pandemic |
| | | | | 24/04/2020 | The ACCC has granted financial service providers three-month exemptions from the requirement to share product reference data. | https://www.accc.gov.au/media-release/temporary-exemptions-under-consumer-data-right |
| | | | | 24/04/2020 | 7-Eleven has been granted interim authorisation to co-operate with its franchisees in relation to store opening times in light of reduced customer demand. | https://www.accc.gov.au/media-release/7-eleven-and-franchisees-authorised-to-co-operate-on-store-opening-times |
| | | | | 22/04/2020 | Retailers have been granted interim authorisation to collectively negotiate rent relief with landlords and to share increased information. | https://www.accc.gov.au/media-release/retailers-granted-authorisation-to-collectively-negotiate-with-landlords |
| | | | | 20/04/2020 | The ACCC has expanded the authorisation granted to energy sector on 3 April 2020 to include additional measures such as sharing of information between market participants. | https://www.accc.gov.au/media-release/expanded-co-operation-for-energy-sector-during-pandemic |
| | | | | 17/04/2020 | Private and public hospitals in the Northern Territory and South Australia have been granted interim authorisation to integrate COVID-19 response operations and to share resources. | https://www.accc.gov.au/media-release/private-and-public-hospitals-in-nt-and-sa-authorised-to-cooperate-on-covid-19-response |
| | | | | 14/04/2020 | Life insurance companies have been granted interim authorisation to ensure frontline healthcare workers are not declined life insurance coverage due to COVID-19 exposure. | https://www.accc.gov.au/media-release/co-ordination-on-life-insurance-for-frontline-workers-during-pandemic |
| | | | | 08/04/2020 | Private health insurers have been granted conditional interim authorisation to co-operate in providing relief to policy holders. Coverage has been broadened to include remote treatment. | https://www.accc.gov.au/media-release/private-health-insurers-to-cooperate-on-covid-19-coverage-and-deferral-of-premiums |
| | | | | 08/04/2020 | Members of the Australian Securitisation Forum have been granted interim authorisation to work together in assisting smaller lenders to maintain liquidity and issue loans. | https://www.accc.gov.au/media-release/co-operation-on-funding-to-aid-smaller-lenders-during-covid-19 |
| | | | | 07/04/2020 | Private and public hospitals in Victoria and Queensland have been granted interim authorisation to integrate COVID-19 response operations and to share of resources. | https://www.accc.gov.au/media-release/private-and-public-hospitals-to-cooperate-on-covid-19-in-victoria-and-queensland |
| | | | | 03/04/2020 | Oil companies have been granted interim authorisation to co-ordinate measures to ensure the continued security of fuel supplies. | https://www.accc.gov.au/media-release/oil-companies-allowed-to-co-operate-to-secure-fuel-supply-during-covid-19-pandemic |
| | | | | 03/04/2020 | Participating gas and electricity companies have been granted conditional interim authorisation to co-operate on measures to ensure the reliable energy supply of wholesale markets. | https://www.accc.gov.au/media-release/co-operation-to-support-reliable-energy-sector-authorised |
| | | | | 03/04/2020 | Medicine manufacturers have been granted interim authorisation to work together to ensure the continued supply of essential medicines. | https://www.accc.gov.au/media-release/medicine-manufacturers-to-co-ordinate-on-covid-19-response |

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| | | | | 02/04/2020 | Insurance companies have been granted interim authorisation to co-ordinate relief measures. This includes the deferment of premiums and the refunding of premiums under cancelled policies. | https://www.accc.gov.au/media-release/insurers-to-offer-deferred-payments-refunds-under-small-business-relief-package |
| | | | | 01/04/2020 | National Broadband Network has been granted interim authorisation to co-ordinate with Telstra, Optus, Vodafone, TPG and Vocus to ensure continuity of telecommunications services. | https://www.accc.gov.au/media-release/nbn-co-telcos-to-co-ordinate-on-demand-surge-and-consumer-support-package |
| | | | | 31/03/2020 | Medicine wholesalers have been granted interim authorisation to co-ordinate the distribution of essential medical and pharmaceutical products during COVID-19. | https://www.accc.gov.au/media-release/medicine-wholesalers-to-co-operate-on-access-to-pharmaceutical-products |
| | | | | 30/03/2020 | Participating banks have been granted conditional interim authorisation to co-operate in providing COVID-19 relief packages, and ensuring continued access to services. | https://www.accc.gov.au/media-release/banks-authorised-to-co-operate-on-loan-relief-and-services |
| | | | | 26/03/2020 | Airline companies Rex, Virgin Australia and Qantas have been granted interim authorisation to co-ordinate flight schedules and share revenue on ten regional flight routes. | https://www.accc.gov.au/media-release/accc-authorises-regional-express-to-co-ordinate-with-other-airlines |
| | | | | 25/03/2020 | Medical technology companies are permitted to work together to co-ordinate the supply and potential manufacture of ventilators, testing kits and other medical equipment. | https://www.accc.gov.au/media-release/cooperation-to-aid-supply-of-covid-19-medical-equipment |
| | | | | 24/03/2020 | Supermarket companies have been granted interim authorisation to co-ordinate with each other when working with manufacturers, suppliers, and transport and logistics providers. | https://www.accc.gov.au/media-release/supermarkets-to-work-together-to-ensure-grocery-supply |
| Belgium | - | None- the usual merger notification process (including the relevant deadlines) continues to apply | - | 23/03/2020 | The competition authority is party to the joint statement of the European Competition Network regarding cooperation in order to ensure the supply and fair distribution of scarce products. | https://ec.europa.eu/competition/ecn/202003_joint-statement_ecn_corona-crisis.pdf |
| | | | | 05/05/2020 | The European Commission has suspended antitrust rules for producers in the potato, dairy and flower sectors to permit the conclusion of agreements and the making of common decisions for a period of six months. | https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/593/oj ; https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/594/oj ; https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/599/oj |
| Canada | - | None- the usual merger notification process (including the relevant deadlines) continues to apply | - | 08/04/2020 | The Competition Bureau has stated that competitor collaborations aimed at short-term responses to the COVID-19 crisis that are in the public interest will generally not be subject to scrutiny from the Bureau provided that they are good-faith collaborations that do not go further than needed. A process by which firms can request informal guidance from the Bureau on such collaborations has been established. | https://www.canada.ca/en/competition-bureau/news/2020/04/competition-bureau-statement-on-competitor-collaborations-during-the-covid-19-pandemic.html ; see also https://www.dentons.com/en/insights/articles/2020/april/14/guidance-but-modest-comfort-the-competition-bureaus-statement-on-covid19 |
| Chile | 25/03/2020 | The National Economic Prosecutor ("FNE") has requested that the parties of future transactions notify the operation only if the notification is urgent and essential. | https://www.fne.gob.cl/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/OK-Res-ex-aprueba-medidas-en-procedimientos-FNE-188__FINAL.pdf | 07/04/2020 | The Antitrust Court ("TDLC") has issued a general decision that agreements that are being reviewed by the Court regarding its compliance to antitrust law, may be performed prior to the Court decision. | https://www.tdlc.cl/nuevo_tdlc/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Auto-Acordado-21-2020.pdf |
| China | 15/03/2020 | The State Administration of Market Regulation (SAMR) has adopted electronic merger filing to reduce face to face contact. | http://gkml.samr.gov.cn/nsjg/zhghs/202002/t20200215_311667.html | 05/04/2020 | The SAMR is ready to grant exemptions to certain cooperation agreements for the purpose of epidemic prevention and work assumption that would previously have been seen as anti-competitive, such as agreements in relation to the development of vaccines. | http://gkml.samr.gov.cn/nsjg/fldj/202004/t20200405_313859.html |
| | 05/04/2020 | The SAMR has introduced an expedited review process for mergers within industries closely related to the deescalation of the pandemic and those greatly affected by the pandemic. | http://gkml.samr.gov.cn/nsjg/fldj/202004/t20200405_313859.html | 05/04/2020 | The SAMR is encouraging the reporting of monopolistic practices and has stated that any report will be dealt with by SAMR within 2 working days. | http://gkml.samr.gov.cn/nsjg/fldj/202004/t20200405_313859.html |
| | - | - | - | 05/04/2020 | The SAMR is ready to impose heavy fines on monopolistic practices that hinder pandemic prevention and work assumption. | http://gkml.samr.gov.cn/nsjg/fldj/202004/t20200405_313859.html |

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| Colombia | 01/04/2020 | From 1 April 2020 all merger control procedures have been suspended until the day on which the state of emergency decreed by the President is lifted (currently estimated to be 25 May 2020). Mergers that require to be notified to the Superintendency of Industry and Commerce (SIC) will therefore require to be delayed. | https://www.sic.gov.co/sites/default/files/normatividad/042020/res%2012169.pdf | 26/03/2020 | Agreements amongst competitors that create efficiencies in the transportation industry have been permitted. | https://dapre.presidencia.gov.co/normativa/normativa/DECRETO%20482%20DEL%2026%20DE%20MARZO%20DE%202020.pdf |
| | - | | | 15/04/2020 | During the state of emergency created by Covid-19, refusal by a government contractor to pay any suppliers listed as "small enterprise" (locally known as "PYMES" and "MIPYMES") for work done in relation to a transportation infrastructure, civil works or construction contract will be considered anti-competitive. | https://dapre.presidencia.gov.co/normativa/normativa/DECRETO%20575%20DEL%2015%20DE%20ABRIL%20DE%202020.pdf |
| Czech Republic | None- the usual merger notification process (including the relevant deadlines) continues to apply | | | 27/03/2020 | In line with competition rules, the Office for the Protection of Competition (UOHS) has stated that cooperation between parties is only permitted where the aim is to ensure the supply of goods and services, which are necessary in the pandemic period. | https://www.uohs.cz/en/competition/news-competition/2758-competition-law-enforcement-during-the-crisis-caused-by-covid-19-disease.html |
| | | | | 23/03/2020 | The UOHS is party to the joint statement of the European Competition Network regarding cooperation in order to ensure the supply and fair distribution of scarce products. | https://ec.europa.eu/competition/ecn/202003_joint-statement_ecn_corona-crisis.pdf |
| | | | | 27/03/2020 | The UOHS will focus its efforts on policing any potential excessive pricing engaged in by dominant players, in particular in the food, energy and pharmaceutical sectors. | https://www.uohs.cz/en/competition/news-competition/2758-competition-law-enforcement-during-the-crisis-caused-by-covid-19-disease.html |
| | | | | 09/04/2020 | The UOHS has stated that where companies engage in intensive cooperation not permitted by antitrust rules they should ensure that this cooperation is related only to the securing of goods and services which are key for the Covid situation and which are put at risk by the current situation. | https://www.uohs.cz/cs/hospodarska-soutez/aktuality-z-hospodarske-souteze/2765-zavazny-pristup-uradu-pro-ochranu-hospodarske-souteze-k-reseni-dopadu-pandemie-covid-19-na-hospodarskou-soutez-v-ceske-republice.html |
| | | | | - | The UOHS has stated that the pandemic has not had any impact on the Office's ability to receive complaints about anticompetitive behavior and that it is open to discussing any issues informally. | https://www.uohs.cz/cs/hospodarska-soutez/aktuality-z-hospodarske-souteze/2765-zavazny-pristup-uradu-pro-ochranu-hospodarske-souteze-k-reseni-dopadu-pandemie-covid-19-na-hospodarskou-soutez-v-ceske-republice.html |
| | | | | 05/05/2020 | The European Commission has suspended antitrust rules for producers in the potato, dairy and flower sectors to permit the conclusion of agreements and the making of common decisions for a period of six months. | https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/593/oj ; https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/594/oj ; https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/599/oj |
| France | 12/03/2020 | All merger approval deadlines as they apply to both the Competition Authority and notifying parties have been suspended. The deadline of 25 working days for the completion of phase 1 without in-depth examination applicable to the competition authority will resume one month after a decree ending the state of health emergency is issued. | https://www.concurrences.com/fr/bulletin/news-issues/preview/the-french-competition-authority-publishes-its-adaptation-of-the-time-limits | 23/03/2020 | The competition authority is party to the joint statement of the European Competition Network regarding cooperation in order to ensure the supply and fair distribution of scarce products. | https://ec.europa.eu/competition/ecn/202003_joint-statement_ecn_corona-crisis.pdf |
| | - | | | 05/05/2020 | The European Commission has suspended antitrust rules for producers in the potato, dairy and flower sectors to permit the conclusion of agreements and the making of common decisions for a period of six months. | https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/593/oj ; https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/594/oj ; https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/599/oj |
| Germany | 29/04/2010 | The Bundeskartellamt has asked companies to consider in each individual case whether, in view of the challenging circumstances, a project has to be submitted to the Bundeskartellamt right away. | - | 23/03/2020 | The competition authority is party to the joint statement of the European Competition Network regarding cooperation in order to ensure the supply and fair distribution of scarce products. | https://ec.europa.eu/competition/ecn/202003_joint-statement_ecn_corona-crisis.pdf |
| | 29/04/2010 | For all cases notified between 1 March 2020 and 31 May 2020 the deadline for merger review applicable to the Bundeskartellamt has been extended. For Phase I investigations the deadline is now 2 months instead of 1 and for Phase II investigations the deadline is now 6 months instead of 4. | https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-de/aktuelles/anpassungen-wirtschaftsrecht-1747884 | 09/04/2020 | Due to the current exemption regime cooperation which may previously have been seen as a competition infringement may now be permitted. This will likely apply to R&D and health care related companies. | https://www.bundeskartellamt.de/SharedDocs/Meldung/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2020/09_04_2020_ICN-Corona.html;jsessionid=07F5BF631D1F8764D2AAA1965C7076A8_2_cid362?nn=3599398 |
| | - | | | | Legislation will soon be introduced mandating that companies that have violated competition rules will not have to pay interest on fines imposed by the Cartel Office until the end of June 2021. | https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-de/aktuelles/anpassungen-wirtschaftsrecht-1747884 |
| | - | | | 05/05/2020 | The European Commission has suspended antitrust rules for producers in the potato, dairy and flower sectors to permit the conclusion of agreements and the making of common decisions for a period of six months. | https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/593/oj ; https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/594/oj ; https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/599/oj |

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| Georgia | | None- the usual merger notification process (including the relevant deadlines) continues to apply | | | None- the usual framework regarding anti-competitive agreements between undertakings and abuses of dominance applies. | |
| Hungary | 16/03/2020 | Any communication with the Hungarian Competition Authority must take place via electronic means. | https://www.gvh.hu/aktualis_hirek/tajekoztatas-a-jarvanyugyi-helyzetre-tekintettel-a-hivatal-ugyintezesrol | 25/03/2020 | The competition authority is party to the joint statement of the European Competition Network regarding cooperation in order to ensure the supply and fair distribution of scarce products. | https://www.gvh.hu/aktualis_hirek/az-europai-versenyhatosagok-halozatanak-kozos-nyilatkozata-a-versenyjog--alkalmazasrol-a-koronavirus-miatti-valsag-idejen |
| | - | - | - | 05/05/2020 | The European Commission has suspended antitrust rules for producers in the potato, dairy and flower sectors to permit the conclusion of agreements and the making of common decisions for a period of six months. | https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/593/oj ; https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/594/oj ; https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/599/oj |
| Italy | None- the usual merger notification process (including the relevant deadlines) continues to apply | None- the usual merger notification process (including the relevant deadlines) continues to apply | | 23/03/2020 | The competition authority is party to the joint statement of the European Competition Network regarding cooperation in order to ensure the supply and fair distribution of scarce products. | https://ec.europa.eu/competition/ecn/202003_joint-statement_ecn_corona-crisis.pdf |
| | | | | 24/04/2020 | The Italian Competition Authority has indicated that it would deem temporary cooperation agreements between competitors addressing shortage, distribution and transport of essential goods and services in the emergency phase as compatible with competition law. An email address has been set up in order to open a communication channel for companies interested in seeking guidance on cooperation agreements. | https://en.agcm.it/en/media/press-releases/2020/5/ICA-Notice-on-cooperation-agreements-between-businesses-within-the-framework-of-the-coronavirus-emergency |
| | | | | 05/05/2020 | The European Commission has suspended antitrust rules for producers in the potato, dairy and flower sectors to permit the conclusion of agreements and the making of common decisions for a period of six months. | https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/593/oj ; https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/594/oj ; https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/599/oj |
| Indonesia | 24/03/2020 | The Commission for the Supervision of Business Competition (KPPU) is working to make the process of giving notice of mergers easier and to accelerate the process of evaluating such transactions to facilitate business activity. | https://www.kppu.go.id/id/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Siaran-Pers-No.-16_KPPU-PR_III_2020.pdf | 24/03/2020 | The KPPU has stated that it views direct appointment or other forms of Government policy in relation to doing business in a state of emergency as exempt from competition legislation. | https://www.kppu.go.id/id/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Siaran-Pers-No.-16_KPPU-PR_III_2020.pdf |
| Kazakhstan | | None- the usual merger notification process (including the resulting deadlines) continues to apply | | | None- the usual framework regarding anti-competitive agreements between undertakings and abuses of dominance applies | |
| Kenya | None- the usual merger notification process (including the relevant deadlines) continues to apply | None- the usual merger notification process (including the relevant deadlines) continues to apply | | 13/03/2020 | The Competition Authority of Kenya has issued a warning to manufacturers and retailers against collusive increases of prices and/or hoarding with the intention of subsequently increasing prices of various consumer goods in the context of the COVID-19 crisis. | https://cak.go.ke/sites/default/files/2020-03/CAK%20Cautionary%20Notice%20on%20Illegal%20Price%20Increases%20and%20Hoarding.pdf |
| | | | | 16/03/2020 | The Authority issued an order for a company to refund customers following its implementation of exploitative pricing. | https://cak.go.ke/sites/default/files/2020-03/CAK%20Remedial%20Order%20to%20Cleanshelf%20Supermarkets.pdf |
| Malaysia | 16/03/2020 | The office of the MCC has been closed until at least 19 June and is currently operating via a skeletal workforce. The MCC has been silent as to how this will impact merger review. | https://www.mccc.gov.my/sites/default/files/pdf/newsroom/ANNOUNCEMENT%2024%20APRIL_0.pdf | - | None- the usual framework regarding anti-competitive agreements between undertakings and abuses of dominance applies. | - |
| | 25/03/2020 | The MCC has adopted electronic filing in relation to merger investigations. | | - | - | - |
| Mexico | 27/03/2020 | The Federal Economic Competition Commission (COFECE) will expedite the review of filed concentrations to create synergies and contribute to the increase of production capacities for satisfying the demands derived from the crisis. | https://www.cofece.mx/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/COFECE-012-2020_COFECE-COVID-19.pdf | 01/04/2020 | The COFECE has issued guidelines regarding the requirement to notify the authority regarding collaboration agreements that may entail a risk to competition. | https://www.cofece.mx/respuesta-a-preguntas-relacionadas-con-el-comunicado-cofece-012-2020/ |
| | 31/03/2020 | The COFECE has been authorised to hold plenary sessions electronically. | https://www.cofece.mx/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/DOF-31marzo2020-01.pdf | - | - | - |
| | 01/04/2020 | The COFECE has issued guidelines as to which collaboration agreements may fall to be considered as transactions and therefore may be subject to pre-merger clearance. | https://www.cofece.mx/respuesta-a-preguntas-relacionadas-con-el-comunicado-cofece-012-2020/ | - | - | - |
| | 30/04/2020 | All statutory terms and deadlines applicable to any proceedings before COFECE have been suspended from 23 March to 29 May, however this suspension does not include those deadlines relating to merger proceedings. | https://www.cofece.mx/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/DOF-30abril2020-01.pdf | - | - | - |

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| Mexico | 23/04/2020 | Emergency regulatory rules for notices served via e-mail have been introduced. | https://www.cofece.mx/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/DOF-23abril2020-01.pdf | 24/03/2020 | All statutory terms and deadlines applicable to any proceedings before COFECE hav been suspended from 23 March through to 29 May (with exceptions including but not limited to those deadlines related to the leniency programme and the issuance of resolutions related to investigations that have already been concluded). | https://www.cofece.mx/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/DOF-30abril2020-01.pdf |
| | 18/03/2020 | The ACM has stated that parties may experience some delays in reaching the ACM or delays in procedures and that it will be sensitive to these circumstances when it comes to considering the procedural deadlines to be adhered to by both the ACM and other parties. | https://www.acm.nl/en/publications/acms-oversight-during-coronavirus-crisis | 23/03/2020 | The competition authority is party to the joint statement of the European Competition Network regarding cooperation in order to ensure the supply and fair distribution of scarce products. | https://ec.europa.eu/competition/ecn/202003_joint-statement_ecn_corona-crisis.pdf |
| The Netherlands | - | - | - | 18/03/2020 | The ACM will take a relaxed approach when reviewing cooperation between undertakings in order to mitigate the effects of the crisis, however competition law remains in full effect. | - |
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| Morocco | 25/03/2020 | The 60 clear days deadline applying to phase 1 without in-depth examination merger reviews has been suspended and will resume the day after the decree ending the state of health emergency. | - | 25/03/2020 | The deadlines applicable to investigations into anti-competitive conduct have been suspended and will resume the day after the decree ending the state of health emergency. | - |
| New Zealand | - | - | - | 22/03/2020 | Guidance has been issued by Commerce Commission stating that it will not take enforcement action against competing businesses which cooperate to supply essential goods and services during the COVID-19 response. | https://comcom.govt.nz/news-and-media/media-releases/2020/covid-19-commerce-commission-approach-to-essential-goods-and-services-business-cooperation |
| | - | - | - | - | Further guidance was issued by the Commerce Commission regarding business collaborations and listing factors that are relevant in the Commission's assessment of whether it is necessary for businesses to collaborate and when enforcement action/investigation will be required. | https://comcom.govt.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/215812/Business-collaboration-under-COVID-19-guidelines-May-2020.pdf |
| Peru | 20/05/2020 | Through Supreme Decree N° 087-2020-PCM, the Peruviangovernment extended the suspension of all administrative procedures, subject to positive and negative administrative silence, until 10 June 2020. | https://diariooficial.elperuano.pe/Normas | 13/03/2020 | INDECOPI, the Peruvian Consumer Protection Authority, calls on providers and consumers to remain calm during the Covid-19 emergency. | https://www.indecopi.gob.pe/en/-/indecopi-hace-un-llamado-a-proveedores-y-consumidores-a-mantener-la-calma-durante-la-emergencia-por-el-coronavirus-covid-19 |
| | - | - | - | 16/03/2020 | INDECOPI has stated that it does not have the facilities to control or regulate the prices of products or services, although it can sanction suppliers who do not respect the prices they have reported. | https://www.indecopi.gob.pe/en/-/el-indecopi-no-tiene-facultades-para-controlar-o-regular-los-precios-de-los-productos-o-servicios-pero-si-para-que-se-respeten-precios-informados-y-sa |
| | - | - | - | 19/03/2020 | INDECOPI has set up an electronic form on its website to enable citizens to easily report complaints and informative reports on consumer protection matters, advertising, etc. | https://bit.ly/395oiAj |
| | - | - | - | 23/03/2020 | The Commission for the Management of the Official Electronic Signature Infrastructure of INDECOPI has temporarily relaxed the identity verification requirements for those who have yet to obtain a digital certificate and now require to do so. | https://www.indecopi.gob.pe/en/-/la-comision-para-la-gestion-de-la-infraestructura-oficial-de-firma-electronica-flexibiliza-requisitos-para-quienes-necesiten-obtener-certificados-digi |
| | - | - | - | 03/04/2020 | INDECOPI has set up a virtual desk to enable it to receive documents virtually during the crisis. | https://www.indecopi.gob.pe/en/-/el-indecopi-habilita-mesa-de-partes-virtual-y-recuerda-sus-canales-de-atencion-disponibles-para-los-ciudadanos-durante-el-aislamiento-social |

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| Peru | - | | | 28/04/2020 | Indecopi, through the Technical Secretariat of the Commission for the Defense of Free Competition (CLC), has been monitoring the fuel market to detect possible anti-competitive practices. | https://www.indecopi.gob.pe/en/-/el-indecopi-monitorea-el-mercado-de-combustibles-para-detectar-posibles-indicios-de-practicas-anticompetitivas |
| | | | | 29/04/2020 | In light of the extension of the state of emergency and the extension of the suspension of administrative procedures terms Indecopi has guaranteed the provision of its services. | https://www.indecopi.gob.pe/en/-/el-indecopi-garantiza-la-prestacion-de-sus-servicios-ante-la-ampliacion-del-estado-de-emergencia-y-la-prorroga-de-la-suspension-del-computo-de-plazos- |
| | | | | 05/05/2020 | Through Legislative Decree N° 1476, provisions have been approved that will guarantee the transparency of information in the provision of services provided by private educational institutions to enable users of the services to make decisions in relation to them. | |
| Poland | 31/03/2020 | All procedural deadlines in merger control cases were suspended until 24 May 2020. | - | 31/03/2020 | All procedural deadlines in antitrust cases suspended until 24 May 2020. | - |
| | 31/03/2020 | Despite the deadlines' suspension, the authority does not discourage companies from merger control filings and works normally, however as case-handlers are working from home the Authority has stated that phone contact may be hindered | - | 23/03/2020 | The competition authority is party to the joint statement of the European Competition Network regarding cooperation in order to ensure the supply and fair distribution of scarce products. | https://ec.europa.eu/competition/ecn/202003_joint-statement_ecn_corona-crisis.pdf |
| | - | | | 31/03/2020 | Despite the deadlines' suspension, the authority is still conducting investigations into antitrust cases, however as case-handlers are working from home the Authority has stated that phone contact may be hindered. | - |
| | | | | 31/03/2020 | The Government is now able to fix maximum prices and profit margins for the sale of certain essential and medical products, however no prices or margins have been fixed to date. The Government is currently working on fixing maximum wholesale and retails margins for the sale of face masks. | https://www.dentons.com/en/insights/alerts/2020/april/1/poland-anticrisis-shield-competition-and-consumer-protection-measures |
| | | | | 17/03/2020 | The authority is investigating the increase in the prices of food and hygiene products that it has observed, with a special team being set up to monitor prices. The first companies have received requests for information with very short deadlines to respond. | https://www.uokik.gov.pl/news.php?news_id=16332 |
| | | | | 04/03/2020 | The authority has initiated an investigation into the allegedly unfair conduct of wholesalers supplying personal protective equipment to hospital. A hotline for use by hospitals has also been launched. | https://www.uokik.gov.pl/news.php?news_id=16277&news_page=1 |
| | | | | 05/05/2020 | The European Commission has suspended antitrust rules for producers in the potato, dairy and flower sectors to permit the conclusion of agreements and the making of common decisions for a period of six months. | https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/593/oj ; https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/594/oj ; https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/599/oj |
| | | | | 05/05/2020 | The authority introduced a dedicated e-mail address allowing undertakings (or their legal advisors) to obtain the authority's informal view on whether the temporary actions/cooperation they have taken in response to the coronavirus outbreak comply with competition law. | https://konkurencja.uokik.gov.pl/koronawirus-a-prawo-konkurencji-wytoczne-dla-przedsiębiorcow/ |

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| Romania | 13/03/2020 | The Competition authority has stated that all communications between the authority and parties should be done via phone, e-mail and post. | http://www.consiliulconcurentei.ro/ro/despre-noi.html | 23/03/2020 | The competition authority is party to the joint statement of the European Competition Network regarding cooperation in order to ensure the supply and fair distribution of scarce products. | https://ec.europa.eu/competition/ecn/202003_joint-statement_ecn_corona-crisis.pdf |
| | | | | 13/03/2020 | A press release issued by the Competition authority has reminded companies to avoid engaging in price gouging, the exchange sensitive information, the exclusion of competitors, and the abuse of dominant positions in the face of the pandemic. | http://www.consiliulconcurentei.ro/uploads/docs/items/bucket15/id15807/masuri_mar_2020.pdf |
| | | | | 23/03/2020 | A press release issued by the Competition Authority states that companies may coordinate to combat shortages of essential products, ensure a balanced distribution of products and to ensure that products are priced competitively. | http://www.consiliulconcurentei.ro/uploads/docs/items/bucket15/id15829/masuri_ce_mar_2020.pdf |
| | | - | | 26/03/2020 | A press release issued by the Competition Authority has made recommendations for companies to maintain the balance of the market (i.e. measure for not spreading COVID-19, reduced opening hours, competitive prices). | http://www.consiliulconcurentei.ro/uploads/docs/items/bucket15/id15832/masuri_criza_mar_2020.pdf |
| | | | | 13/04/2020 | The Competition Authority has acknowledged that companies may need to coordinate with regard to the production, stock management and distribution of medicines to ensure that shortages of any particular medicines do not arise. | http://www.consiliulconcurentei.ro/uploads/docs/items/bucket15/id15853/masuri_medicamente_apr_2020_english.pdf |
| | | | | 05/05/2020 | The European Commission has suspended antitrust rules for producers in the potato, dairy and flower sectors to permit the conclusion of agreements and the making of common decisions for a period of six months. | https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/593/oj ; https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/594/oj ; https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/599/oj |
| Russia | 28/04/2020 | The Federal Antimonopoly Service (FAS) office was closed until 11 May and paper application forms were not accepted during this time, however the office has now been reopened | http://publication.pravo.gov.ru/Document/View/0001202004290001 | 23/03/2020 | The FAS regional offices have transitioned to an enhanced daily operating schedule of seven days a week. The FAS is focusing particularly on policing the food and medical industries. | https://en.fas.gov.ru/press-center/news/detail.html?id=54835 |
| | | | | 08/04/2020 | The date on which hearings on antimonopoly cases will take places have been postponed to the maximum period permitted by law, and if possible, are held by videoconference. | https://fas.gov.ru/news/29641 |
| | | - | | 03/04/2020 | On the basis of the RF Government Decree of 428 dawn raids may be conducted only where there is a suspected threat to human health and safety and where the approval of state prosecutors has been obtained. | http://publication.pravo.gov.ru/Document/View/0001202004060044 |
| | | | | 13/04/2020 | The FAS has announced a 3 months extension to the deadlines for payments of fines for antimonopoly violations. | https://fas.gov.ru/news/29660 3 |
| Singapore | | None- the usual merger notification process (including the relevant deadlines) continues to apply | | - | None unless prior clearance has been granted or if they fall within the existing exemptions (e.g. exempted industries or operations of services of general economic interest) | - |
| Slovakia | | None- the usual merger notification process (including the relevant deadlines) continues to apply | | 23/03/2020 | The competition authority is party to the joint statement of the European Competition Network regarding cooperation in order to ensure the supply and fair distribution of scarce products. | https://ec.europa.eu/competition/ecn/202003_joint-statement_ecn_corona-crisis.pdf |
| | | | | 05/05/2020 | The European Commission has suspended antitrust rules for producers in the potato, dairy and flower sectors to permit the conclusion of agreements and the making of common decisions for a period of six months. | https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/593/oj ; https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/594/oj ; https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/599/oj |

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| South Africa | | None- the usual merger notification process (including the relevant deadlines) continues to apply | | 23/03/2020 | An exemption from concerted conduct prohibition in relation to certain agreements between banks, Banking Association of South Africa and/or Payments Association of South Africa has been announced. | https://openbylaws.org.za/za/act/gn/2020/r355/eng/ |
| | | | | 19/03/2020 | An exemption from prohibitions in relation to certain agreements between participants in the healthcare sector has been announced. The exemption excludes discussions regarding pricing unless this has been specifically authorised by the Minister. | https://openbylaws.org.za/za/act/gn/2020/r349/eng/ |
| | | | | 24/03/2020 | An exemption for certain agreements or practices between designated retail tenants and retail property landlords has been implemented. | https://openbylaws.org.za/za/act/gn/2020/r358/eng/ |
| | | - | | 27/03/2020 | An exemption for agreements/practices in the hotel industry in relation to the identification and provision of facilities for quarantine, and (on request of the relevant Departments) cost reduction measures has been implemented. | https://openbylaws.org.za/za/act/gn/2020/r422/eng/ |
| | | | | 03/04/2020 | Procedures to deal with complaints in relation to excessive pricing as a result of the pandemic have been announced. | https://openbylaws.org.za/za/act/gn/2020/r448/eng/ |
| | | | | 19/03/2020 | Certain goods and services have been designated for the purposes of determining if excessive pricing in the circumstances of a national disaster has been implemented. Measures regarding supply of goods have also been implemented. | https://openbylaws.org.za/za/act/gn/2020/r350/eng/ |
| Spain | - | The National Commission on Markets and Competition (CNMC) has closed its on-site registry. The CNMNS's e-services remainsfully operational and any formal filling or notice may be filed electronically. | https://www.cnmc.es/en/node/379583 | 23/03/2020 | The competition authority is party to the joint statement of the European Competition Network regarding cooperation order to ensure the supply and fair distribution of scarce products. | https://ec.europa.eu/competition/ecn/202003_joint-statement_ecn_corona-crisis.pdf |
| | 14/03/2020 | The deadlines applicable to merger clearance proceedings filed before the CNMC applicable to the CNMC and parties have been suspended. The terms of the deadlines will be resumed once the state of alarm is terminated. | https://www.boe.es/buscar/act.php?id=BOE-A-2020-3692 | 14/03/2020 | The deadlines applicable to sanctioning and investigation proceedings filed before the CNMC applicable to the CNMC and parties have been suspended. The deadlines will be resumed once the state of alarm is terminated. | https://www.boe.es/buscar/act.php?id=BOE-A-2020-3692 |
| | | - | | 05/05/2020 | The European Commission has suspended antitrust rules for producers in the potato, dairy and flower sectors to permit the conclusion of agreements and the making of common decisions for a period of six months. | https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/593/oj ; https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/594/oj ; https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/599/oj |
| Turkey | 06/04/2020 | The Turkish Competition Authority (TCA) has issued an announcement encouraging e-submissions. | https://www.rekabet.gov.tr/Guncel/covid-19-koruma-kontrol-onlemi-duyurusu-6df1b0842d78ea11811800505694b4c6 | 23/03/2020 | The TCA has announced that they will be closely scrutinizing markets with the aim of identifying price hikes and that they will have particular regard to the increased prices of fresh vegetables and fruits. | https://www.rekabet.gov.tr/Guncel/kamuoyuna-duyuru-3b18d865266dea11811700505694b4c6 |
| | 17/04/2020 | The TCA stated that it would have an increased tendency to grant applications for deadline extensions made in line with the Competition Act and that it would enable undertakings to submit additional information in relation to investigations once deadlines have passed until 30 April 2020. | https://www.rekabet.gov.tr/Guncel/duyuru-91e4ba53dc80ea11811800505694b4c6 | 07/05/2020 | The TCA has launched an investigation against multiple parties that it suspects have engaged in price gouging and coordinated behaviour during the COVID- 19 crisis. | https://www.rekabet.gov.tr/en/Guncel/investigation-concerning-29-undertakings-11bb860f5993ea11811a00505694b4c6 . |

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| UK | 22/04/2020 | The CMA (Competition and Markets Authority) has affirmed that all merger investigations follow the established processes and are subject to legally binding deadlines. | https://www.gov.uk/government/news/covid-19-cma-approach-to-merger-assessments- | 27/03/2020 | A Public Policy Exclusion Order to the Competition Act 1998 has been passed in relation to grocery stores to permit collusion to combat labour shortages, supply issues, stock shortages and other logistical concerns from competition provisions. | http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/369/made |
| | 22/04/2020 | The CMA has published guidance stating that it is unlikely to impose penalties where businesses are unable to comply with statutory requests for information by the specified deadline due to difficulties brought about by Coronavirus. | https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/merger-assessments-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic/merger-assessments-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic | 27/03/2020 | A Public Policy Exclusion Order to the Competition Act 1998 has ben passed in relation to Health Services for patients in England to permit information sharing with the aim of providing health services. | http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/368/contents/made |
| | 22/04/2020 | The CMA has stated that that the pre-notification process for merger review will take longer than it otherwise would and has encouraged merging parties to consider whether some filings could be postponed. | https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/merger-assessments-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic/merger-assessments-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic | 27/03/2020 | A Public Policy Exclusion to the Competition Act 1998 has been passed in relation to the sharing of information between ferry providers to ensure that crossing services function uninterrupted during the pandemic. | http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/370/contents/made |
| | 22/04/2020 | The CMA is conducting all meetings remotely via videoconferencing or telephone. | https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/merger-assessments-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic/merger-assessments-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic | 30/04/2020 | A Public Policy Exclusion to the Competition Act 1998 has been passed in relation to the dairy industry to enable dairy farmers to adapt to changes in the usual supply chain as a result of the pandemic. | http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/481/made |
| | 22/04/2020 | The CMA has stated that it will continue to impose interim measures in line with its policy pre-Coronavirus and that it is unlikely to lift interim measures that are already in place, during the course of its merger review. | https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/merger-assessments-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic/merger-assessments-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic | 05/05/2020 | The European Commission has suspended antitrust rules for producers in the potato, dairy and flower sectors to permit the conclusion of agreements and the making of common decisions for a period of six months. | https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/593/oj ; https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/594/oj ; https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/599/oj |
| | 22/04/2020 | The CMA has published guidance stating that the pandemic has not brought about any relaxation of the standards by which mergers will be assessed and that "failing firm" claims will still require to clear the established tripartite test. | https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/merger-assessments-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic/annex-a-summary-of-cmas-position-on-mergers-involving-failing-firms | | The CMA has launched a COVID-19 task force and has encouraged the use of its dictated online form for the reporting of businesses engaging in unfair anti-competitive behaviour during the pandemic. | https://www.coronavirus-business-complaint.service.gov.uk/ |
| Ukraine | - | None- the usual merger notification process (including the resulting deadlines) continues to apply. | - | - | None- the usual framework regarding anti-competitive agreements between undertakings and abuses of dominance applies. | - |
| US | 13/03/2020 | The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) no longer accept hard-copy submissions for mergers and now accept notifications online. | https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/press-releases/2020/03/premerger-notification-office-implements-temporary-e-filing | 24/03/2020 | The FTC and DOJ now offer an expedited process for assurances that activities related to combating the spread of COVID-19 do not violate antitrust law. | https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/press-releases/2020/03/ftc-doj-announce-expedited-antitrust-procedure |
| | - | | | 13/04/2020 | The federal antitrust authorities have made clear via a joint announcement that anticompetitive coordination that may lead to wage suppression will be closely monitored and not tolerated. | https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-and-federal-trade-commission-jointly-issue-statement-covid-19-and . |
| | - | | | - | Both the DOJ and the FTC have stated that there is no exception to the antitrust laws for emergency situations and have issued statements reminding/warning businesses against engaging in anticompetitive practices during the COVID-19 situation. | - |
| Venezuela | - | None- the usual merger notification process (including the resulting deadlines) continues to apply. | - | - | None- the usual framework regarding anti-competitive agreements between undertakings and abuses of dominance applies. | - |