

### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND COMPETITION LAW

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#### **APPENDIX B**

to the Survey Report

Highlighted legal provisions, documents, cases and sector inquiries / market studies / research



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This appendix lists the relevant items that were specified in the responses of competition agencies, in a structured way,¹ containing their most important parameters, including their availability (when it was identified in the particular response).² In some cases, it contains additional information of the same or similar kind as indicated in the footnotes.

### 1. Sustainability related competition law provisions<sup>3</sup>

#### **Australian Competition and Consumer Commission**

Place of sustainability in competition law	Restrictive agreements
Title of competition law	Competition and Consumer Act 2010 - Secondary boycotts Section 45DD(3)(a) read in conjunction with the Sections of 45D(1), 45DA(1) or 45DB(1)
Weblink/availability	https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2021C00151
Fext of paragraph which refers to sustainability	Dominant purpose of conduct relates to environmental protection or consumer protection  (3) A person does not contravene, and is not involved in a contravention of, subsection 45D(1), 45DA(1) or 45DB(1)
	by engaging in conduct if:  (a) the dominant purpose for which the conduct is engaged in is substantially related to environmental protection or consumer protection; and
	(b) engaging in the conduct is not industrial action.

#### **EAC Competition Authority**

Place of sustainability in competition law	General, Other – Sustainability is mentioned under Control of Subsidies that threaten or distort competition
Title of competition law	East African Community Competition Act, 2006
Weblink/availability	-
Text of paragraph which refers to sustainability	Section 17 (1)(h) of the Act – Subsidies can be granted for the protection of the environment

#### **Hungarian Competition Authority**

Place of sustainability in competition law	Restrictive agreements
Title of competition law	Act LVII of 1996 on the Prohibition of Unfair and Restrictive Market Practices

In each section, items are arranged according to jurisdictions (in alphabetical order) under the heading of the competition agency reporting them.

We list items in this appendix only with the consent of the competition agencies involved.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This document was compiled by Csaba Kovács (GVH), Miranda Molnár (GVH) and Aranka Nagy (GVH).

As specified in the responses to question II.A.6. in the questionnaire for competition agencies.

Please note that answers to those questions may include remarks and explanations that do not appear in this list for either technical or confidentiality reasons. Listed provisions do not necessarily refer explicitly to sustainability.

Weblink/availability	https://gvh.hu/en/legal_background/rules_for_the_hung arian_market/competition_act
Text of paragraph which refers to sustainability	Article 17 "An agreement is exempted from the prohibition pursuant to Article 11 provided that  (a) it contributes to a more reasonable organisation of production or distribution, the promotion of technical or economic progress, or the improvement of competitiveness or of the protection of the environment;  (b) it allows trading parties not participating in the agreement a fair share of the resulting benefit;  (c) the concomitant restriction or exclusion of competition does not exceed the extent necessary to attain economically justified common goals; and  (d) it does not enable the exclusion of competition in respect of a substantial proportion of the goods concerned."

Place of sustainability in competition law	Mergers – The Hungarian competition act provides a public interest exemption from merger control which could relate to sustainability. The law itself does not refer explicitly to sustainability, but it may be covered by the notion of public interest for the purposes of this provision.
Title of competition law	Act LVII of 1996 on the Prohibition of Unfair and Restrictive Market Practices
Weblink/availability	https://gvh.hu/en/legal_background/rules_for_the_hung arian_market/competition_act
Text of paragraph which refers to sustainability	Article 24/A  "The Government may, in the public interest, in particular to preserve jobs and to assure the security of supply, declare a concentration of undertakings to be of strategic importance at the national level. Such concentrations shall not be subject to an obligation of notification to the Hungarian Competition Authority pursuant to Article 24."  The law itself does not refer explicitly to sustainability but the term of "public interest" may cover it for the purposes of this this provision.

## **Trinidad and Tobago Fair Trading Commission**

Place of sustainability in competition law	General
Title of competition law	Fair Trading Act, Ch. 81:13
Weblink/availability	https://rgd.legalaffairs.gov.tt/laws2/Alphabetical List/lawspdfs/81.13.pdf
Text of paragraph which refers to sustainability	"An Act to provide for the establishment of a Fair Trading Commission, to promote and maintain fair competition in the economy, and for related matters."

	Although not specifically provided for, the words "and for related matters", may be interpreted as referring to and capture sustainability as the Act also provides for generating benefits not only to consumers, but also to the economy and the wider society, while at the same time seeking to encourage inclusive development through the elimination and deterrence of anticompetitive practices.
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#### **Competition and Consumer Protection Commission of Zambia**

Place of sustainability in competition law	General
Title of competition law	Competition and Consumer Protection Act No. 24 of 2010
Weblink/availability	https://www.ccpc.org.zm/downloads/policy
Text of paragraph which refers to sustainability	Part III Section 19

Place of sustainability in competition law	Mergers
Title of competition law	Competition and Consumer Protection Act No. 24 of 2010
Weblink/availability	https://www.ccpc.org.zm/downloads/policy
Text of paragraph which refers to sustainability	Part IV Section 31

### 2. Guidance and methodological documents

### 2.1. Sustainability related competitive concerns4

### **Hellenic Competition Commission**

Title of document

Staff Discussion Paper on Sustainability Issues and Competition Law

Year of adoption

2020

Weblink/availability

https://epant.gr/en/enimerosi/competition-law-sustainability.html (Online - HCC website)

Paragraphs/points referring to sustainability

What notion of sustainability mentioned

"Still in force"? Y/N

Y

Title of document	Technical Report on Sustainability and Competition
Year of adoption	2021

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> As specified in the responses to question III.C.4. in the questionnaire for competition agencies.

Please note that answers to those questions may include remarks and explanations that do not appear in this list for either technical or confidentiality reasons. Listed documents do not necessarily refer explicitly to sustainability.

Some items listed here may be relevant as a research as well.

Weblink/availability	https://epant.gr/en/enimerosi/publications/sustainability/ /item/1284-technical-report-on-sustainability-and- competition.html (Online - HCC website)
Paragraphs/points referring to sustainability	-
What notion of sustainability mentioned	-
"Still in force"? Y/N	Υ

Title of document	Sandbox Toolkit
Year of adoption	To be published within 2021
Weblink/availability	https://www.epant.gr/en/enimerosi/sandbox.html (Online - HCC website)
Paragraphs/points referring to sustainability	-
What notion of sustainability mentioned	-
"Still in force"? Y/N	Υ

### **Japan Fair Trade Commission**

Title of document	Guidelines Concerning Joint Activities for Recycling under the Antimonopoly Act
Year of adoption	2001 (revised 2010)
Weblink/availability	https://www.jftc.go.jp/dk/guideline/unyoukijun/risaikuru.html (Japanese) https://www.jftc.go.jp/en/legislation_gls/imonopoly_guidelines_files/recycle.pdf (English*)  * Please note that the English version does not reflect the revision of 2010.
Paragraphs/points referring to sustainability	These Guidelines make the principles of the Antimonopoly Act clear concerning joint activities by entrepreneurs toward recycling, etc. as follows:  - Concerning the construction of recycling systems, it is unlikely to become a problem under the Antimonopoly Act unless the systems are exclusive;  - Concerning recycling expenses collected from users such as consumers, jointly setting self-regulations in terms of collection methods, collection time and indication methods would not generally present a problem under the Antimonopoly Act, unless they lead to setting of a specific recycling expenses;  - Concerning the deposit system, it would not generally present a problem under the Antimonopoly Act when the sum returned is as same as the sum received as a deposit.
What notion of sustainability mentioned	Environment (especially, recycle)
"Still in force"? Y/N	Υ

# **Norwegian Competition Authority**

Title of document	Competition Policy and Green Growth – Interactions and challenges
Year of adoption	2010
Weblink/availability	https://konkurransetilsynet.no/publications/competition-policy-and-green-growth-interactions-and-challenges/
Paragraphs/points referring to sustainability	All
What notion of sustainability mentioned	
"Still in force"? Y/N	N/A

# Federal Antimonopoly Service of the Russian Federation

Title of document	Statement of Igor Artemiev, ex-Head of the FAS Russia, to the international competition community on COVID-19
Year of adoption	2020
Weblink/availability	https://en.fas.gov.ru/press- center/news/detail.html?id=54878
Paragraphs/points referring to sustainability	In the current circumstances, reducing the spread of COVID-19 is our new national goal, and the Government of the Russian Federation is taking all necessary measures to combat the spread of new coronavirus infection in the Russian Federation, ensuring sustainable economic development and supporting citizens in a pandemic.
What notion of sustainability mentioned	-
"Still in force"? Y/N	Υ

Title of document	FAS Russia and "green" public procurement (only in Russia)
Year of adoption	2018
Weblink/availability	https://torg94.ru/articles/zelenye-goszakupki-2018-03- 22/
Paragraphs/points referring to sustainability	-
What notion of sustainability mentioned	-
"Still in force"? Y/N	-

Title of document	The Federal Antimonopoly Service (FAS) has proposed to deprive companies that supply coal to non-environmentally friendly terminals from discounts on rail transportation of coal.
Year of adoption	2020
Weblink/availability	https://fas.gov.ru/publications/21842
Paragraphs/points referring to sustainability	The FAS proposed to provide discounts on railway tariffs for the transportation of coal only for those ports that

	meet environmental requirements. It is necessary to create an "incentive to transport coal to clean modern ports".
What notion of sustainability mentioned	-
"Still in force"? Y/N	-

## 2.2. Sustainability defence<sup>5</sup>

### **Hellenic Competition Commission**

Title of document	Staff Discussion Paper on Sustainability Issues and Competition Law
Year of adoption	2020
Weblink/availability	https://epant.gr/en/enimerosi/competition-law-sustainability.html (Online - HCC website)
Paragraphs/points referring to sustainability	-
What notion of sustainability mentioned	-
"Still in force"? Y/N	Υ

Title of document	Technical Report on Sustainability and Competition
Year of adoption	2021
Weblink/availability	https://epant.gr/en/enimerosi/publications/sustainability /item/1284-technical-report-on-sustainability-and- competition.html (Online - HCC website)
Paragraphs/points referring to sustainability	-
What notion of sustainability mentioned	-
"Still in force"? Y/N	Υ

Title of document	Sandbox Toolkit
Year of adoption	To be published within 2021
Weblink/availability	https://www.epant.gr/en/enimerosi/sandbox.html (Online - HCC website)
Paragraphs/points referring to sustainability	-
What notion of sustainability mentioned	-
"Still in force"? Y/N	Υ

Please note that answers to those questions may include remarks and explanations that do not appear in this list for either technical or confidentiality reasons. Listed documents do not necessarily refer explicitly to sustainability.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> As specified in the responses to question III.F.4. in the questionnaire for competition agencies.

Some items listed here may be relevant as a research as well.

## Netherlands Authority for Consumers and Markets

Title of document	Policy: Guidelines on Sustainability Agreements
Year of adoption	2021
Weblink/availability	https://www.acm.nl/en/publications/second-draft- version-guidelines-sustainability-agreements- opportunities-within-competition-law
Paragraphs/points referring to sustainability	All
What notion of sustainability mentioned	All kinds of sustainability
"Still in force"? Y/N	Υ

Title of document	Vision Document
Year of adoption	2014
Weblink/availability	https://www.acm.nl/sites/default/files/old_publication/publicaties/13077_vision-document-competition-and-sustainability-2014-05-09.pdf
Paragraphs/points referring to sustainability	All
What notion of sustainability mentioned	All kinds of sustainability
"Still in force"? Y/N	N

## **Norwegian Competition Authority**

Title of document	Competition Policy and Green Growth – Interactions and challenges
Year of adoption	2010
Weblink/availability	https://konkurransetilsynet.no/publications/competition-policy-and-green-growth-interactions-and-challenges/
Paragraphs/points referring to sustainability	All
What notion of sustainability mentioned	
"Still in force"? Y/N	N/A

# Federal Antimonopoly Service of the Russian Federation

Title of document	The Order of the Government of the Russian Federation on the Development Strategy of the Russian Coal Industry to 2035
Year of adoption	13.06.2020
Weblink/availability	http://static.government.ru/media/files/w4sigFOiDjGVDY T4lgsApssm6mZRb7wx.pdf (available only in Russian)

Paragraphs/points referring to sustainability	Full upgrade of production facilities, creation of new production complexes in Kuzbass, the Rostov region, as well as in the Far East and Eastern Siberia, synchronization of the development of railway and port infrastructure to ensure the supply of products to the foreign market
What notion of sustainability mentioned	The program is aimed at promoting the sustainable development and maintaining the current achievements of coal industry as well as finding solutions to social issues, such as payments to former employees of the coal industry and additional pension provision for them, the demolition of dilapidated housing in part-time territories.
"Still in force"? Y/N	Yes

Title of document	Russia's Energy Strategy to 2035 (ES-2035)
Year of adoption	09.06.2021
Weblink/availability	https://minenergo.gov.ru/node/15357
	(available only in Russian)
Paragraphs/points referring to sustainability	The goal of Russia's energy policy is to maximize the efficient use of natural energy resources and the potential of the energy sector for sustainable economic growth, improving the quality of life of the country's population and helping to strengthen its international economic position.
	This Strategy defines the goals and objectives of the long-term development of the country's energy sector for the coming period, priorities and guidelines, as well as mechanisms of the state energy policy at certain stages of its implementation, ensuring the achievement of the intended goals.
What notion of sustainability mentioned	This Strategy sets the vectors of prospective development of fuel and energy complex industries for the given period.
"Still in force"? Y/N	Yes

Title of document	The Act of the RF Government № 314 "On the Approval of the Regulations of the State Control over Economic Concentration in the Use of Water Bodies
Year of adoption	08.04.2009
Weblink/availability	https://fas.gov.ru/documents/576332 (available only in Russian)
Paragraphs/points referring to sustainability	Water should be considered as a limited resource that has economic value and can have a significant socio-economic impact, taking into account the importance of meeting basic needs;  To preserve the quality of fresh water resources and supply it, it is necessary to apply integrated approaches to the

	development of water resources, water management and water use.
What notion of sustainability mentioned	With regard to the tasks related to the exploitation of water resources for inland fisheries and aquaculture, they include preserving the quality and quantity of water for optimal production and preventing water pollution due to water management activities.
"Still in force"? Y/N	Yes

Title of document	The Federal Law of 20.12.2004 № 166-FZ "On Fisheries and Conservation of Aquatic Biological Resources"
Year of adoption	20.12.2004
Weblink/availability	https://en.fas.gov.ru/documents/documentdetails.html?id=14629
Paragraphs/points referring to sustainability	Water should be considered as a limited resource that has economic value and can have a significant socio-economic impact, taking into account the importance of meeting basic needs;  To preserve the quality of fresh water resources and supply it, it is necessary to apply integrated approaches to the development of water resources, water management and water use.
What notion of sustainability mentioned	With regard to the tasks related to the exploitation of water resources for inland fisheries and aquaculture, they include preserving the quality and quantity of water for optimal production and preventing water pollution due to water management activities.
"Still in force"? Y/N	Yes

Title of document	The Order of the Government of the Russian Federation On approval of the Strategy for the Development of the Industry for Processing, Utilization and Neutralization of Production and Consumption Wastes for the Period to 2030
Year of adoption	25.01.2018
Weblink/availability	http://static.government.ru/media/files/y8PMkQGZLfbY7j hn6QMruaKoferAowzJ.pdf (available only in Russian)
Paragraphs/points referring to sustainability	The priorities of the Strategy are the following: ensuring the management with secondary wastes, ensuring the creation and functioning of eco-parks, the regulation of waste management of the 1 and 2 hazard classes,

	Strengthening the application of measures of administrative responsibility for violation of environmental legislation in terms of waste management,  Ensuring the innovative development waste processing industry
What notion of sustainability mentioned	This Strategy is about promoting effective standards of treating the wastes in a long run
"Still in force"? Y/N	Yes

Title of document	The Order on The Concept for the development of the production of electric vehicles (adopted by the Government of the Russian Federation)
Year of adoption	2021
Weblink/availability	http://government.ru/docs/43060/
Paragraphs/points referring to sustainability	Under the abovementioned Order Russian Federation By plans to produce at least 25.000 electric vehicles and create more than 9.000 charging stations for them.
	The instrument formulates the priority tasks for the emerging industry. The aims are the following: the development of the production base, building up the technological competencies, introduction of fundamentally new products to the market and creation of modern engineering and transport infrastructure.
	The implementation of a new means of transport (electric vehicles) will affect the current state of competition in the market of fuel stations, manufacturers of convenient vehicles, and the producers of transponders.
What notion of sustainability mentioned	Supporting the production of electric vehicles and stimulating the demand for them are the main directions of work. Such vehicles, for example, will be included in the programs of concessional lending and leasing, and starting from the 2022 year it is planned to launch an experiment on free passage of electric vehicles on toll roads.
"Still in force"? Y/N	Yes

# 3. Highlighted cases

## 3.1. Sustainability related competition concerns<sup>6</sup>

## **European Commission – DG Competition**

(	Case name/party/parties	Trucks case

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> As specified in the responses to question III.B.7. in the questionnaire for competition agencies.

Case ID	AT.39824
Product/service/industry	Manufacturing
Date of decision	27/09/2017
Weblink of decision (English)	https://ec.europa.eu/competition/elojade/isef/case details.cfm?proc_code=1_39824
Weblink of decision (Original)	-
Weblink of press release on decision (English)	-
Weblink of press release on decision (Original)	https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detai l/en/IP 17 3502

#### **French Competition Authority**

Case name/party/parties	Decision n°17-D-20 of 18 October 2017 regarding practices implemented in the floor coverings sector. Parties: Tarkett / Forbo / Gerflor / Syndicat français des enducteurs, calandreurs et fabricants de revêtements de sols et murs (SFEC).
Case ID	n°17-D-20
Product/service/industry	Floor coverings
Date of decision	18 October 2017
Weblink of decision (English)	N/A
Weblink of decision (Original)	https://www.autoritedelaconcurrence.fr/sites/defau lt/files/commitments//17d20.pdf
Weblink of press release on decision (English)	https://www.autoritedelaconcurrence.fr/en/commu niques-de-presse/19-october-2017-cartel-floor- coverings-sector
Weblink of press release on decision (Original)	https://www.autoritedelaconcurrence.fr/fr/communiques-de-presse/lautorite-sanctionne-hauteur-de-302-millions-deuros-les-trois-principaux

### 3.2. Sustainability defence<sup>7</sup>

#### Bundeskartellamt

Case name/party/parties	Fairtrade Labelling Organizations International e.V.
Case ID	-
Product/service/industry	Agricultural products

This question asked (and allowed) respondents to highlight only one item. Nonetheless, when analysing the responses, we realised that only a very limited number of items exist altogether. Therefore, relevant respondents were requested to also give information on their remaining cases, in the same structure as was asked in the questionnaire, to make this list more complete.

As specified in the responses to question III.E.7. in the questionnaire for competition agencies.

This question asked (and allowed) respondents to highlight only one item. Nonetheless, when analysing the responses, we realised that only a very limited number of items exist altogether. Therefore, relevant respondents were requested to also give information on their remaining cases, in the same structure as was asked in the questionnaire, to make this list more complete.

Date of decision	It decided not to initiate investigation proceedings.
Weblink of decision (English)	-
Weblink of decision (Original)	-
Weblink of press release on decision (English)	-
Weblink of press release on decision (Original)	Bundeskartellamt, 2017/2018 Activity Report, German Bundestag – 16 <sup>th</sup> legislative period, printed paper 19/10900, p. 52 available (in German) at <a href="https://www.bundeskartellamt.de/SharedDocs/Publikation/DE/Taetigkeitsberichte/Bundeskartellamt%2">https://www.bundeskartellamt.de/SharedDocs/Publikation/DE/Taetigkeitsberichte/Bundeskartellamt%2</a> <a href="https://www.bundeskartellamt.de/SharedDocs/Publikation/DE/Taetigkeitsberichte/Bundeskartellamt%2">https://www.bundeskartellamt.de/SharedDocs/Publikation/DE/Taetigkeitsberichte/Bundeskartellamt%2</a>

Case name/party/parties	Initiative Tierwohl
Case ID	-
Product/service/industry	Agricultural, meat production and food retail sectors
Date of decision	It decided not to initiate investigation proceedings.
Weblink of decision (English)	-
Weblink of decision (Original)	-
Weblink of press release on decision (English)	https://www.bundeskartellamt.de/SharedDocs/Publikation/EN/Pressemitteilungen/28 09 2017 Tierwohl.pdf?_blob=publicationFile&v=2
Weblink of press release on decision (Original)	https://www.bundeskartellamt.de/SharedDocs/Publikation/DE/Pressemitteilungen/2017/28 09 2017 Tierwohl.pdf? blob=publicationFile&v=2

## Hellenic Competition Commission<sup>8</sup>

Case name/party/parties	- ENDIALE S.A. (former ELTEPE S.A.) - LPC S.A. (former CYCLON HELLAS S.A.) - ELTEPE Kinopraxia - G. D.
Case ID	Complaints ref. no 2374/8.4.2008; - 6409/22.09.2008; - 5821/12.7.2012
Product/service/industry	E.38.12 – Collection of hazardous waste E.38.22 – Treatment and disposal of hazardous waste E.39 – Remediation activities and other waste management services
Date of decision	Pending

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This case was pending at the time of the survey, and therefore it was left out from survey data. Nonetheless it is included in this list, to make it more complete.

Weblink of decision (English)	-
Weblink of decision (Original)	-
Weblink of press release on decision (English)	https://www.epant.gr/en/enimerosi/press- releases/item/1276-press-release-statement-of- objections-in-relation-to-alleged-infringements-in- the-greek-market-for-waste-oils-management.html
Weblink of press release on decision (Original)	-

# **Hungarian Competition Authority**

Case name/party/parties	Collective passing-through of battery treatment fee (Energizer et al)
Case ID	VJ/43/2015
Product/service/industry	Waste management (battery recollection and treatment)
Date of decision	2019
Weblink of decision (English)	-
Weblink of decision (Original)	https://www.gvh.hu/dontesek/versenyhivatali_dont esek/dontesek 2015/vj 43 2015 415
Weblink of press release on decision (English)	https://www.gvh.hu/en/press room/press releases /press_releases_2019/the_gvh_imposes_fines_on_b attery_producders_for_th
Weblink of press release on decision (Original)	https://www.gvh.hu/sajtoszoba/sajtokozlemenyek/2 019_es_sajtokozlemenyek/versenyhivatali_birsag_a kartellezo_elemgyartoknak

# **Luxembourg Competition Council**

Case name/party/parties	Webtaxi
Case ID	2018-FO-01
Product/service/industry	Private transport
Date of decision	7 June 2018
Weblink of decision (English)	-
Weblink of decision (Original)	https://concurrence.public.lu/content/dam/concurrence/fr/decisions/ententes/2018/decision-n-2018-fo-01-du-7-juin-2018-version-non-confidentielle.pdf
Weblink of press release on decision (English)	-
Weblink of press release on decision (Original)	https://concurrence.public.lu/fr/decisions/ententes/ 2018/decision-2018-fo-01.html

### **Netherlands Authority for Consumers and Markets**

Case name/party/parties	Chicken of tomorrow (poultry industry, the broiler meat processing industry and the supermarket industry)
Case ID	ACM/2014/206028
Product/service/industry	Poultry/supermarkets
Date of decision	26-01-2015
Weblink of decision (English)	https://www.acm.nl/sites/default/files/old_publication/publicaties/13789_analysis-chicken-oftomorrow-acm-2015-01-26.pdf.pdf
Weblink of decision (Original)	https://www.acm.nl/sites/default/files/old_publication/publicaties/13758_analyse-acm-kip-van-duurzaamheidsafspraken-kip-van-morgen-2015-01-26.pdf
Weblink of press release on decision (English)	https://www.acm.nl/en/publications/publication/13 789/ACMs-analysis-of-the-sustainability- arrangements-concerning-the-Chicken-of-Tomorrow
Weblink of press release on decision (Original)	https://www.acm.nl/nl/publicaties/publicatie/13760 /Afspraken-Kip-van-Morgen-beperken-concurrentie

#### **Swiss Competition Commission**

Case name/party/parties	Beratung maximale Produzenten- /Konsumentenpreisrelationen bei Fleisch / Schweizer Tierschutz STS
Case ID	54-0597
Product/service/industry	Retail
Date of decision	April 16 2021
Weblink of decision (English)	Not available
Weblink of decision (Original)	Not yet published
Weblink of press release on decision (English)	Not available
Weblink of press release on decision (Original)	Not available

### 4. Highlighted sector inquiries / market studies / research 9

## **European Commission – DG Competition**

ID/Title	Competition policy and the Green Deal

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> As specified in responses to question IV.A.4. in the questionnaire for competition agencies.

This question asked (and allowed) respondents to highlight only one item. Nonetheless, when analysing the responses, we realised that only a very limited number of items exist altogether. Therefore, relevant respondents were requested to also give information on their remaining cases, in the same structure as was asked in the questionnaire, to make this list more complete.

Some items listed under section 2. Guidance and methodological documents may also be relevant here.

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Product/service/industry	Stakeholders' feedback
- Troddet/ Service/ madstry	Stakeholders recuback
Time frame	Undefined
Investigated phenomena/conduct	Any commercial practice
Date of report/study	December 2020
Weblink of report/study/project (English)	https://ec.europa.eu/competition-policy/green-gazette en
Weblink of report/study/project (Original)	https://ec.europa.eu/competition-policy/green-gazette_en
Weblink of press release on report/study (English)	https://ec.europa.eu/competition-policy/green-gazette en
Weblink of press release on report/study (Original)	https://ec.europa.eu/competition-policy/green-gazette_en

## Hellenic Competition Commission<sup>10</sup>

ID/Title	Sector inquiry into waste management and recycling
	in specific categories of waste
Product/service/industry	Packaging waste
	Waste lubricating oils,
	Used motor vehicle tyres,
	Waste batteries and accumulators,
	End-of-life vehicles (ELVs),
	Waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE),
	Excavation, construction and demolition waste.
	Various types of ship generated wastes
Time frame	July 2021 – December 2022 (expected, pending)
Investigated phenomena/conduct	The purpose of the HCC's sector inquiry is to clarify any potential competition issues in certain markets of this industry, such as:  a. the forces (bargaining power) that develop in each ecosystem of alternative management of a specific stream where the Collective Alternative Management System (CMS) / Individual Alternative Management System can function as a bilateral or multilateral platform;  b. the structural links between players vertically and horizontally in waste management and recycling and the extent to which they can influence competition variables;
	c. the application of the regulatory framework to each of the investigated markets and any inconsistencies with competition law regulatory barriers, and how removing them

This sector inquiry was launched after the survey was conducted, and therefore it is not covered by the survey data. Nonetheless it is included in this list, to make it more complete.

	will increase the effectiveness of the markets;  d. barriers to entry other than regulatory; e. whether the market structure contributes to the possibility of developing coordinated or non-coordinated effects; f. the extent to which specific practices can be justified due to effectiveness and public interest objectives, such as sustainable development, and how this can be justified on the basis of different instruments of competition law; g. how the existing market structure ultimately contributes to the development, innovation and efficiency of each individual waste management and / or alternative waste management market.
Date of report/study	December 2022 (expected, pending)
Weblink of report/study/project (English)	Report is not yet available – sector inquiry pending. <a href="https://www.epant.gr/en/enimerosi/wastemanagement.html">https://www.epant.gr/en/enimerosi/wastemanagement.html</a>
Weblink of report/study/project (Original)	Report is not yet available – sector inquiry pending. <a href="https://www.epant.gr/enimerosi/wastemanagement">https://www.epant.gr/enimerosi/wastemanagement</a> <a href="mailto:to.org/enimerosi/wastemanagement">t</a>
Weblink of press release on report/study (English)	https://www.epant.gr/en/enimerosi/press- releases/item/1522-press-release-sector-inquiry-in- the-waste-management-and-recycling-sectors.html
Weblink of press release on report/study (Original)	https://www.epant.gr/enimerosi/deltia- typou/item/1521-deltio-typou-kladiki-erevna-stous- kladous-diaxeirisis-apovliton-kai-anakyklosis.html

## **Hong Kong Competition Commission**

ID/Title	Electric Vehicles market and the related charging market in Hong Kong (for internal use)
Product/service/industry	Electric Vehicles
Time frame	Ongoing
Investigated phenomena/conduct	General market conditions
Date of report/study	Not published
Weblink of report/study/project (English)	Not published
Weblink of report/study/project (Original)	Not published
Weblink of press release on report/study (English)	Not published
Weblink of press release on report/study (Original)	Not published

## **Italian Competition Authority**

ID / Title	IC49
Product/service/industry	Urban solid waste management
Time frame	18 months
Investigated phenomena/conduct	Critical issues in the regulatory framework for urban solid waste management services
Date of report/study	January 2016
Weblink of report/study/project (English)	Not available
Weblink of report/study/project (Original)	Full text: <a href="https://www.agcm.it/dotcmsDOC/allegati-news/IC49_testoindagine.pdf">https://www.agcm.it/dotcmsDOC/allegati-news/IC49_testoindagine.pdf</a> https://www.agcm.it/dotcmsDOC/allegati-news/IC49_sintesiindagine.pdf
Weblink of press release on report/study (English)	https://en.agcm.it/en/media/press- releases/2016/2/alias-2303
Weblink of press release on report/study (Original)	https://www.agcm.it/media/comunicati- stampa/2016/2/alias-8074

## Netherlands Authority for Consumers and Markets

ID/Title	Technical Report on Sustainability and Competition
TD/Title	reclinical Report on Sustainability and Competition
Product/service/industry	All
Time frame	N/A
Investigated phenomena/conduct	Competition and sustainability
Date of report/study	January 2021
Weblink of report/study/project (English)	https://www.acm.nl/sites/default/files/documents/technical-report-sustainability-and-competition.pdf
Weblink of report/study/project (Original)	https://www.acm.nl/sites/default/files/documents/technical-report-sustainability-and-competition.pdf
Weblink of press release on report/study (English)	-
Weblink of press release on report/study (Original)	https://www.acm.nl/nl/publicaties/technisch- rapport-duurzaamheid-en-mededinging
ID/Title	Leidraad Duurzaamheidsclaims (translated: Guidelines sustainability claims)
Product/service/industry	All sectors with sustainability claims
Time frame of the sector inquiry/market study/ research	NA
Investigated phenomena/conduct	Misleading sustainability claims made by companies.
Date of report/study	28-01-2021
Weblink of report/study/project (English)	https://www.acm.nl/sites/default/files/documents/guidelines-suistainability-claims.pdf

Weblink of report/study/project (Original)	https://www.acm.nl/sites/default/files/documents/leidraad-duurzaamheidsclaims.pdf
Weblink of press release on report/study (English)	https://www.acm.nl/en/publications/guidelines- sustainability-claims
Weblink of press release on report/study (Original)	https://www.acm.nl/nl/publicaties/leidraad- duurzaamheidsclaims

ID/Title	Agro-nutri monitor 2020
Product/service/industry	Agriculture/biological production
Time frame of the sector inquiry/market study/ research	Data 2017-2019, surveys in 2020.
Investigated phenomena/conduct	Pricing in agricultural sector, with a special focus on biologically produced product.
Date of report/study	8-10-2020
Weblink of report/study/project (English)	-
Weblink of report/study/project (Original)	https://www.acm.nl/sites/default/files/documents/ 2020-10/agro-nutri-monitor-2020.pdf
Weblink of press release on report/study (English)	-
Weblink of press release on report/study (Original)	https://www.acm.nl/nl/publicaties/agro-nutri- monitor-2020-prijsvorming-duurzaam- geproduceerd-voedsel

# **Swedish Competition Authority**

ID/Title	Konkurrens och miljö
Product/service/industry	N/A
Time frame	N/A
Investigated phenomena/conduct	The issue of competition and the attainment of environmental goals
Date of report/study	March 2016
Weblink of report/study/project (English)	N/A
Weblink of report/study/project (Original)	https://www.konkurrensverket.se/globalassets/publikationer/uppdragsforskning/forsk_rap_2016-1.pdf
Weblink of press release on report/study (English)	N/A
Weblink of press release on report/study (Original)	N/A

ID / Title	Competition in the waste management sector – preparing for a circular economy
Product/service/industry	Waste management
Time frame of the sector inquiry / market study / research	N/A

Investigated phenomena / conduct	The report focuses on competition in waste management in the Nordic countries.
Date of report / study	February 2016
Weblink of report/study/project (English)	https://www.konkurrensverket.se/globalassets/publikationer/nordiska/nordic-report-2016 wastemanagement-sector.pdf
Weblink of report/study/project (Original)	N/A
Weblink of press release on report/study (English)	https://www.konkurrensverket.se/en/news/circular- economy-requires-new-market-oriented-solutions/
Weblink of press release on report/study (Original)	https://www.konkurrensverket.se/nyheter/kretslop p-staller-krav-pa-nya-marknadslosningar/

ID / Title	Konkurrensen i Sverige 2018 (Chapter 4)
Product/service/industry	N/A
Time frame of the sector inquiry / market study / research	N/A
Investigated phenomena / conduct	The circular economy.
Date of report / study	February 2018
Weblink of report/study/project (English)	N/A
Weblink of report/study/project (Original)	https://www.konkurrensverket.se/globalassets/dok ument/informationsmaterial/rapporter-och- broschyrer/rapportserie/rapport 2018-1 kap4- cirkular-ekonomi.pdf
Weblink of press release on report/study (English)	https://www.konkurrensverket.se/en/news/competition-means-making-a-choice/
Weblink of press release on report/study (Original)	https://www.konkurrensverket.se/nyheter/konkurrens-ar-att-valja/

ID / Title	Konkurrens och tillväxt på digitala marknader
Product/service/industry	E-commerce and sharing services.
Time frame of the sector inquiry / market study / research	N/A
Investigated phenomena / conduct	Digital markets and the sharing economy (e-commerce and sharing services)
Date of report / study	March 2017
Weblink of report/study/project (English)	N/A
Weblink of report/study/project (Original)	Konkurrensverkets rapport 2017:2. Konkurrens och tillväxt på digitala marknader. Ett regeringsuppdrag om e-handel och delningsekonomi
Weblink of press release on report/study (English)	https://www.konkurrensverket.se/en/news/new-digital-markets-improve-competition/

Weblink of press release on report/study (Original)

https://www.konkurrensverket.se/nyheter/nyadigitala-marknader-forbattrar-konkurrensen/