

COMPETITION ENFORCEMENT FOR BUSINESS COLLABORATIONS DURING COVID-19

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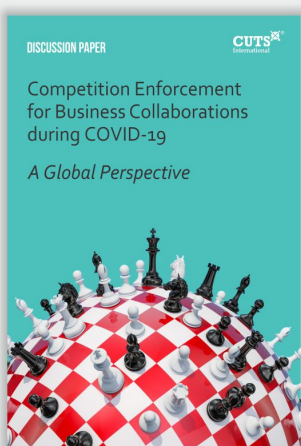
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One of the major consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic has been the deep economic depression which is furthered by shortages of essential goods and services and collapse in demand in many markets. Owing to these demand and supply shocks, collaboration among businesses have taken precedence. Considering the same, competition authorities worldwide have faced the possibility that businesses may have to coordinate to alleviate shortages of essential goods or services necessary to limit the spread of COVID-19.

Previous research after similar catastrophic events has shown that relaxation of competition laws during an economic depression or recession is likely to only further the same. Various inter-governmental agencies and networks have also emphasised that it is imperative to further competition in the market during-and-post-COVID-19, linking competition to productivity growth.

With uncertainty around the pandemic, there is no clarity about the timespan and thus the proportionality of such measures. Very few competition authorities have set aside a mechanism to reverse such emergency measures. To further these questions, CUTS International presents a Discussion Paper, focusing on the different approaches undertaken by competition authorities all around the world to strike a balance between the greater public interest and competition in the market.

Based on this paper, we are hosting this webinar.

The webinar will be organised on Zoom platform.
The meeting link will be shared with the registered participants only.

To register: <https://bit.ly/2XZpItc>

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