

ANTITRUST COMPLIANCE

14 - 18 September 2020

The second week of our virtual Annual Corporate Compliance Conference will focus on antitrust compliance.

The Future of Global Antitrust Compliance: In our first panel discussion, our antitrust experts from around the world will discuss key global antitrust compliance themes: the risks inherent in recovery and adjusting to the "new normal" post COVID-19; the shifting sands of enforcement and greater use of settlement and interim measures; the compliance challenges faced by all sectors in the face of the regulatory focus on digital markets; and the benefits of connected compliance.

Distribution Agreements: Key Compliance Learnings from Recent Cases: In our second session, we will discuss the implications of recent UK and EU enforcement action in relation to distribution agreements. We will focus on the challenges that brand owners face when creating retail standards for online vs in-store sales and offer tips on how to manage the antitrust risk. We will also consider the body of evidence used by the regulators to prove infringements and the specific procedural peculiarities in vertical cases which should inform companies' compliance efforts. The session will also provide an overview of the European Commission's current review of the main legal framework in this area, the Vertical Block Exemption Regulation, the likely changes to that framework and how this will apply to the UK.

Competitor Collaborations: Keeping the Right Side of the Line: As companies face up to unprecedented economic challenges, the incentives to interact with competitors become ever stronger. In our third session, we will discuss recent competition law enforcement and the risks that can arise in responding to a crisis, as well as considering what your business needs to keep in mind when exploring competitor collaborations, such as responding to COVID-19, procurement cooperation and pursuing sustainability initiatives.

Dealing with the UK CMA in a post Brexit World: The UK CMA is keen to remain a key regulator in the post Brexit global antitrust enforcement landscape. In our fourth session, our UK competition experts will discuss the CMA's competition law and consumer enforcement powers, highlighting recent enforcement practice and the increasing use of director disqualification orders. We will also share practical tips on how to handle UK antitrust investigations, including how to manage dawn raids, applying for leniency/settlement, and effective cooperation with the CMA.

Both in the lead up to and during the week, we will be publishing a series of articles, blog posts and video blogs on our centralised Corporate Compliance Content Hub.

Agenda

Tuesday 15 September 2.00 - 3.30 pm BST	The Future of Global Antitrust Compliance
Wednesday 16 September 2.00 - 3.00 pm BST	Distribution Agreements: Key Compliance Learnings from Recent Cases
Thursday 17 September 2.00 - 3.00 pm BST	Competitor Collaborations: Keeping the Right Side of the Line
Thursday 17 September 3.45 - 4.45 pm BST	Dealing with the UK CMA in a post Brexit World