

Cases Received

Chinese Taipei

Classification and Definition of Case Statistics of the Fair Trade Commission

I. Complaint

Complaint refers to a case filed by reporting agency or referred by other government agencies in writing (including E-mail and fax) or oral (recorded by the FTC) to the FTC, stating a possible violation of the provisions of the laws enforced by the FTC. The results of processing including:

1. Administrative decision

Administrative decision refers to a disposition made by the FTC that a defendant is confirmed to violate the laws enforced by the FTC and will receive a decision document or a warning letter.

2. No-action Decision

No-action decision refers to a defendant confirmed not to violate the laws enforced by the FTC.

3. Termination of Review

Rejection of complaint refers to the complaint goes beyond FTC's responsibilities, shall be referred to another agency according to division of jurisdictions between agencies, or fails to meet the FTC's procedural requirements.

(1) Reasons for rejection of complaint: criminal case, civil dispute, case fallen upon other agency's responsibility, failing to meet procedural requirements (e.g., the filing party withdrew its complaint, failed to supplement information required, been out of contact, complained anonymously, or the complained party not fitting into the definitions stipulated in the laws enforced by the FTC), and the others (not falling into the aforementioned 4 categories).

(2) Results of rejection of complaint: replied with a written explanation, filed for record, or referred to another agency.

4. Termination of Investigation

Termination of review refers to the FTC's decision to terminate an investigation once the enterprise under investigation has fulfilled its commitments by taking specific measures to cease and rectify its alleged illegal conduct according to the Article 28 of the FTA.

II. Application for Concerted Action

Application for concerted action refers to an application submitted by enterprises to the FTC for an approval to conduct a concerted action, an extension of time limit for the approval, and amendment of approved content of a concerted action according to Article 15 and Paragraph 2, Article 16 of the Fair Trade Act. The results of processing including:

1. Approved

An approved case refers to an application for concerted action, an extension of time limit for the approval, and amendment of approved content of a concerted action for which the FTC decides to grant approval at its Commissioners' Meeting.

2. Partially Approved

A case partially approved refers to an application for concerted action, an extension of time limit for the approval, and amendment of approved content of a concerted action for which the FTC decides to grant approval for part of the applied items at its Commissioners' Meeting.

3. Rejected

A rejected case refers to an application for concerted action, an extension of time limit for the approval, and amendment of approved content of a concerted action against which the FTC decides to reject at its Commissioners' Meeting.

4. Termination of Review

A review of an application case is terminated refers to an application which contains a fact taking place before the Fair Trade Act became effective, or a case whose handling results can not be classified into any one of the aforementioned three categories and which is already closed as proposed.

III. Merger Notifications

It refers to a merger notification filed by an enterprise to the FTC according to the Article 11 of the Fair Trade Act. The results of processing including:

1. Merger not Prohibited

Merger not prohibited refers to a merger proposal not prohibited or objected by the Commissioners' Meetings of the FTC.

2. Merger Prohibited

Merger prohibited refers to a merger proposal prohibited by the Commissioners' Meetings of the FTC.

3. Termination of Review

Termination of review happens either when notifying parties fail to provide sufficient documents to meet the FTC's written request, or the results of cases handling cannot be categorized into merger not prohibited or merger prohibited.

IV. Request for Explanation

Request for explanation refers to a request of a government agency, an enterprise, or an individual to the FTC for explanation of certain provisions of the laws enforced by the FTC or a written request of a government agency to comment whether a case is applicable to the laws enforced by the FTC. The results of processing including:

1. Explanation

Explanation refers to a written statement which, issued by the FTC's Commissioner' Meeting, deliberates and analyzes the meanings of the laws enforced by the FTC for its enforcement work upon a government agency, an enterprise, or an individual's request.

2. Inquiry-answering

(1) Inquiry-answering refers to a response provided by responsible personnel, instead of the FTC Commissioners' Meeting, in accordance with a previous explanation or based on the existent laws and regulations whose provisions are already adequate to clarify the question raised or whose provisions are very clear without controversy and need no further interpretation.

(2) It also refers to a response to a request of FTC's advisory opinion by a court, a prosecutor's office, or an investigation agency.

3. Termination of Review

Termination of review happens when a request for explanation goes beyond the FTC's responsibilities and for which the FTC has no authority to provide explanation, or the contents of the request are vague and the party making such request fails to respond to or ignores the FTC's request for supplementary explanation.

V. FTC Self-initiated Investigation

The FTC self-initiated investigation means that the FTC take initiative to investigate, per its authorization and duties, possible illegal actions against the laws enforced by the FTC in accordance with an established procedure. This category includes actions taken by the FTC itself and triggered by the oral interpellation by the legislators, anonymous complaints, and anonymous complaints referred by other agencies. The results of processing including:

1. Administrative decision

Administrative decision refers to a disposition made by the FTC that a defendant is confirmed to violate the laws enforced by the FTC and will receive a decision document or a warning letter.

2. No-action Decision

No-action decision refers to a defendant confirmed not to violate the laws enforced by the FTC.

3. Termination of Review

Abrogation of review happens when a FTC self-initiated investigation case goes beyond FTC's responsibilities or should be monitored and then closed.

4. Termination of Investigation

Termination of review refers to the FTC's decision to terminate an investigation once the enterprise under investigation has fulfilled its commitments by taking specific measures to cease and rectify its alleged illegal conduct according to the Article 28 of the FTA.

Note:

The terms and their definitions, approved by the FTC staff meeting on December 22, 1994 and came into effect in January 1995, were amended in September 1995, February 2002, August 2005, February 2011, August 2012, April 2015, and January 2022.

Table 1: Statistics on Cases Received and Processed by the Commission					
Unit: Case					
Item	Total	Complaints	Application for Concerted Action	Merger	Request for Explanation
Year					
Total	65,206	52,069	249	7,369	5,519
1992	1,296	1,039	12	13	232
1993	1,567	1,243	9	112	203
1994	2,020	1,499	11	262	248
1995	2,486	1,768	2	435	281
1996	2,234	1,636	12	334	252
1997	2,277	1,480	23	561	213
1998	2,444	1,335	13	863	233
1999	2,757	1,522	7	1,064	164
2000	2,697	1,372	12	1,187	126
2001	2,556	1,381	4	1,089	82
2002	1,387	1,186	8	132	61
2003	1,100	999	12	50	39

2004	1,148	1,058	2	33	55
2005	1,833	1,632	7	54	140
2006	1,440	1,306	9	79	46
2007	1,340	1,213	3	69	55
2008	1,507	1,404	6	61	36
2009	1,501	1,402	6	58	35
2010	1,299	1,206	-	45	48
2011	1,517	1,361	7	57	92
2012	2,114	1,955	10	52	97
2013	1,973	1,623	4	51	295
2014	2,001	1,538	8	68	387
2015	1,666	1,302	15	60	289
2016	1,960	1,587	5	71	297
2017	1,960	1,671	7	43	239
2018	2,147	1,802	3	69	273
2019	1,772	1,507	4	64	197
2020	2,119	1,855	9	65	190
2021	2,294	2,075	1	62	156
2022	2,081	1,856	6	74	145
2023	2,337	2,154	2	42	139
2024	2,594	2,413	1	60	120
2025(1-6)	1,782	1,688	9	30	55

Table 2: Statistics on Concluded Complaints -- Categorized by Results

Unit: Case

Year	Cases Closed	Administrative Decision	No-action Decision	Termination of Review	Cases Consolidated	Others
Total	51,740	3,396	7,088	38,347	2,552	357
1992	757	51	100	591	15	-
1993	1,094	79	199	749	60	7

1994	1,408	118	306	852	92	40
1995	1,643	158	280	997	133	75
1996	1,633	178	325	931	137	62
1997	1,662	206	315	912	195	34
1998	1,409	225	278	773	110	23
1999	1,453	154	281	912	89	17
2000	1,384	202	301	759	109	13
2001	1,404	192	252	825	129	6
2002	1,284	189	218	798	75	4
2003	1,056	123	195	659	76	3
2004	1,012	101	176	680	47	8
2005	1,541	97	225	1,114	94	11
2006	1,304	101	390	713	85	15
2007	1,304	112	342	762	86	2
2008	1,477	101	353	967	54	2
2009	1,456	140	352	909	52	3
2010	1,243	109	291	793	49	1
2011	1,346	110	278	898	45	15
2012	1,895	86	316	1,340	147	6
2013	1,643	102	276	1,160	104	1
2014	1,642	77	199	1,275	89	2
2015	1,283	37	101	1,108	37	-
2016	1,545	42	129	1,327	44	3
2017	1,728	36	104	1,485	102	1
2018	1,782	35	81	1,617	49	-
2019	1,502	19	77	1,386	20	-
2020	1,815	13	58	1,692	50	2
2021	2,125	27	77	1,928	93	-
2022	1,847	39	38	1,744	26	-
2023	2,116	46	61	1,990	18	1
2024	2,279	45	65	2,141	28	-
2025(1-6)	1,668	46	49	1,560	13	-

Note: Others include “termination of investigation” and “administrative action”.

Table 3: Statistics on Concluded of Concerted Action -- Categorized by Results								
							Unit: Case	
Year	Item	Total	Application for Concerted Action				Amending concerted action approval item	
			Sub-Total	Approved	Rejected	Partially Approved		Termination of Review
Total		246	202	153	11	12	26	44
1992		9	9	5	3	-	1	-
1993		9	9	7	1	-	1	-
1994		13	13	9	3	1	-	-
1995		1	1	-	-	1	-	-
1996		8	8	5	-	-	3	-
1997		18	18	11	-	1	6	-
1998		22	22	18	-	4	-	-
1999		8	8	4	2	-	2	-
2000		9	9	6	1	2	-	-
2001		6	6	3	-	-	3	-
2002		8	8	6	-	-	2	-
2003		14	14	12	-	2	-	-
2004		1	1	1	-	-	-	-
2005		6	6	5	-	-	1	-
2006		10	10	9	-	-	1	-
2007		4	4	4	-	-	-	-
2008		5	5	5	-	-	-	-
2009		6	6	6	-	-	-	-
2010		1	1	1	-	-	-	-
2011		5	4	3	-	-	1	1
2012		12	9	8	-	-	1	3
2013		4	-	-	-	-	-	4

2014	7	3	3	-	-	-	4
2015	14	8	7	-	-	1	6
2016	5	1	-	-	-	1	4
2017	7	3	3	-	-	-	4
2018	5	1	1	-	-	-	4
2019	3	1	-	-	-	1	2
2020	10	6	6	-	-	-	4
2021	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2022	6	5	3	1	-	1	1
2023	3	1	1	-	-	-	2
2024	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025(1-6)	7	2	1	-	1	-	5

Table 4: Statistics on Concluded of Merger - Categorized by Results

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Unit: Case					
Item	Application for Merger				
	Total	Approved	Rejected	Termination of Review	Cases Consolidated
Total	6,009	5,904	3	77	25
1992	8	6	-	2	-
1993	113	107	-	4	2
1994	259	259	-	-	-
1995	429	426	-	-	3
1996	340	339	-	1	-
1997	537	535	-	1	1
1998	855	843	-	9	3
1999	1,045	1,032	-	9	4
2000	1,206	1,177	3	18	8
2001	1,118	1,087	-	29	2

2002(1-2)	99	93	-	4	2
Item	Notification for Merger				
Year & Month	Total	Merger not Prohibited	Merger Prohibited	Termination of Review	Cases Consolidated
Total	1,348	701	11	630	6
2002(2-12)	42	24	1	17	-
2003	50	31	-	19	-
2004	31	18	-	13	-
2005	54	34	-	20	-
2006	77	34	-	42	1
2007	67	37	1	29	-
2008	65	36	2	27	-
2009	57	27	2	28	-
2010	44	19	1	24	-
2011	60	28	-	32	-
2012	47	26	-	20	1
2013	50	30	-	19	1
2014	66	33	-	33	-
2015	63	26	-	35	2
2016	69	33	-	35	1
2017	44	11	-	33	-
2018	67	26	1	40	-
2019	60	26	1	33	-
2020	62	35	-	27	-
2021	69	32	-	37	-
2022	69	22	-	47	-
2023	46	31	-	15	-
2024	62	57	1	4	-
2025(1-6)	27	25	1	1	-

Table 5: Statistics of Closed Cases Involving the Commission's Explanation –
Categorized by Results

Unit: Case

Year	Item	Total	Explanation or Inquiry-Answering Cases	Termination of Review	Cases Consolidated
Total		5,518	4,202	1,215	101
1992		173	133	39	1
1993		220	164	53	3
1994		251	180	59	12
1995		279	157	109	13
1996		246	175	60	11
1997		238	148	86	4
1998		235	156	76	3
1999		169	108	60	1
2000		129	89	39	1
2001		84	52	32	-
2002		71	45	24	2
2003		36	28	7	1
2004		55	40	14	1
2005		138	64	73	1
2006		47	35	12	-
2007		58	39	19	-
2008		36	29	7	-
2009		34	25	9	-
2010		50	34	16	-
2011		89	55	33	1
2012		99	58	41	-
2013		292	266	26	-
2014		385	337	45	3
2015		291	267	23	1
2016		292	252	34	6

2017	245	216	27	2
2018	273	247	24	2
2019	175	151	24	-
2020	207	160	21	26
2021	161	128	29	4
2022	146	116	30	-
2023	136	106	29	1
2024	121	92	28	1
2025(1-6)	57	50	7	-