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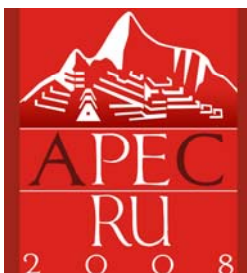
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**2008/SOM3/CPDG/019**

Agenda Item: 12

## **Sharing Experiences of Members Which Have Newly Established / Younger Competition Agencies**

Purpose: Information  
Submitted by: Singapore



**Competition Policy Deregulation Group  
Meeting  
Lima, Peru  
13–14 August 2008**



Competition  
Commission  
SINGAPORE

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## Background

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- Competition Commission of Singapore set up in January 2005.
- 3 main prohibitions:
  - Anti-competitive agreements (Section 34)
  - Abuse of a Dominant position (Section 47)
  - Mergers and Acquisitions that substantially lessen competition (Section 54)



## **Guidance for Businesses**

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- Public consultations
- CCS Guidelines
- CCS website
- Outreach to stakeholders
- Notification for guidance and decision



## **First Infringement Decision**

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- Breach of section 34 prohibition involving bid-rigging/collusive tendering.
- In October 2006, the Commission started investigations after receiving complaint.
- The Commission carried out unannounced visits at 6 companies, issued notices to their present and ex-company staff requiring them to produce documents and interviewed them.



## **First Infringement Decision**

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- In October 2007, CCS issued a proposed infringement decision to the companies.
- The companies were given time to:
  - inspect the evidence obtained by CCS in the investigations
  - make written representations on the case.
- The companies did not challenge or dispute the findings of infringement.



## **First Infringement Decision**

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- In January 2008, CCS issued the infringement decision and imposed financial penalties of more than \$260,000 on the companies.
- Case experience.



**Thank you**

