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Advocacy and Implementation Network Support Program - AISUP

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Advocacy and Implementation Network Support Program - AISUP -



What is the Advocacy and Implementation Network Support Program (AISUP)?

The ICN continues to create an impressive array of work product, including handbooks, manuals, comparative reports, and recommended practices. Through the Advocacy and Implementation Network Support Program (AISUP), ICN members can seek advice about specific ICN work products or receive assistance on how ICN recommendations and other guidance documents might be implemented within their jurisdiction.

The ICN aims to promote more efficient and effective antitrust enforcement worldwide by enhancing convergence and cooperation. Over the past ten years the ICN has produced work on a variety of topics from anti-cartel enforcement to competition advocacy. The ICN furthers cooperation and convergence through the development and implementation of recommendations and other guidance documents. To promote implementation of ICN recommendations and the use of ICN work products and experience in general, the ICN created what is now AISUP in 2008.

AISUP acts as central repository of ICN expertise to complement the project-oriented nature of the network's activity. Members request assistance through AISUP, and the Japan Fair Trade Commission, in cooperation with the AIN, pairs the requesting agency with expert staff from other ICN member agencies. The supporting agencies provide the requesting agency with a thorough explanation of relevant ICN work products and implementation advice, as appropriate. Requesting agencies are then free to implement the advice if they choose to do so.

ICN Work Products Catalogue

<http://www.internationalcompetitionnetwork.org/uploads/library/doc667.pdf>

The catalogue lists work products by all Working Groups and by past projects and includes the website links to these work products with brief introductions to their contents. It will help requesting agencies and supporting agencies to identify relevant ICN work products.

How AISUP is carried out?

Any ICN member may request assistance to participate in AISUP by contacting the following address: ICN@jftc.go.jp

Together, the requesting agency and the Japan Fair Trade Commission, which is leading the AIN, will prepare a plan for assistance covering relevant ICN work products and identify supporting agencies.

The assistance normally is provided by email and telephone or video conference between the requesting agency and the supporting agency. There is no financial assistance.

ICN Membership



Registration Form

Jurisdiction			
Agency			
Mailing Address:			
Contact Person			
Title:	Dr. / Mr. / Ms (please delete as appropriate)		
First Name:		Last Name:	
Office No.:		Mobile No.:	
Fax No.:		Email Address:	

1. Method of communication

- Email
- Telephone
- Both (Email / Telephone)

2. What is the current status of competition law in your jurisdiction?

- Already established (Year of establishment: ____)
 - Amendments to the law are being considered
 - The law has already been enacted, but not yet been effective
- Drafting a bill
- Preparatory studies

3. Is your agency independent in decision-making from other governmental organ(s)?

- Yes
- No (Name of the supervising institution: _____)

4. How about the areas where your agency is interested in receiving the assistance via the AISUP? (Please check all items based on current interest.)

- Cartel / Horizontal Agreements
- Abuse of Dominant Position / Vertical Restraints
- Merger and Acquisition
- Advocacy
- Market Studies
- Organizational / Operational Issues
- Other (E.g. consumer or business outreach, institutional design, etc.)

You are free to download the form from the following website links:

http://www.internationalcompetitionnetwork.org/uploads/aisup_registration_form100401.doc