

TURKISH COMPETITION AUTHORITY'S EXPERIENCE with INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

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TOOLS THAT TCA USES FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

TCA Can Receive Information Request Through:

- Free Trade Agreements - FTAs

- Memorandum of Understandings - MoUs

- Informal Communication

 - E-mails to: internation@rekabet.gov.tr

 - Use of Waivers -

FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS

- As of 2020, TURKEY has signed 37 FTAs

- 20 FTAs are in Effect

- 18 of them contain a reference to competition

- Only 13 of them contain a separate article on competition

 - All the 13 agreements cover abuse of dominant position

 - 12 of them covers anti-competitive agreements

 - Only 4 of them cover concentrations

FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS

- Singapore FTA only covers horizontal anti-competitive agreements
- FTA with Bosnia and Herzegovina excludes agricultural goods
- Some also cover a provision for «State Aid» in the Article related to Competition
- More information can be found in our contribution to OECD- Competition Provisions in Free Trade Agreements (2019)
[https://www.rekabet.gov.tr/Dosya/geneldosya/1-competition-provisions-in-trade-agreements-daf-comp-gf-wd\(2019\)16-en-pdf](https://www.rekabet.gov.tr/Dosya/geneldosya/1-competition-provisions-in-trade-agreements-daf-comp-gf-wd(2019)16-en-pdf)

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDINGS

- TCA has signed Memorandum of Understanding with 21 Competition Agencies
- The last one was signed last week with Azerbaijan Competition Agency
- Compared to FTAs, they do not contain binding provisions and loose cooperation agreements
- None of them covers exchange of confidential information
- We receive and send 2-3 information request / year via MoU

INFORMAL COMMUNICATION

- TCA receives 5-6 direct and 4-5 indirect information requests from other competition authorities

- Indirect information requests generally come from ICN members

- We try to answer them all

- We also request information from other agencies – 4/5 times a year

Most information requests are from neighboring countries and EU

INFORMAL COMMUNICATION

The furthest was from Chile

- We set up calls or reply information requests through e-mail

New type of information request : Hellenic Competition Commission

New type of information request : Competition Agency of Georgia

THANK YOU

