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"The use of joint ventures is widespread in the EU. This book offers a practical guide to the selection and use of differing joint venture structures in nine countries: Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands and the UK. "

This book provides an introductory but thorough guide to EU competition law, covering the underlying economics, and the key substantive areas of anticompetitive agreements (Article 81), abuses of dominance (Article 82), the application to the most common types of commercial agreement, state aids, state measures limiting competition and mergers. It also examines the procedures under which the relevant competition authorities apply the rules, private enforcement of the rules before the courts, and minimising risk by implementing a compliance programme. The emphasis is practical rather than theoretical: the authors are practitioners in the field of competition law and economics, with many years' individual and collective experience in the area. This will be an essential reference tool for practitioners, academics and students of EU Competition Law. Volume 2 uses the economic and legal concepts/theories of Volume 1 to (1) analyze the U.S. and E.U. antitrust legality of mergers, joint ventures, and the pricing-technique and contractual/sales-policy distributor-control surrogates for vertical integration and (2) assess related positions of scholars and U.S. and E.U. antitrust officials. Its analysis of horizontal mergers (1) delineates non-market-oriented protocols for determining whether they manifest specific anticompetitive intent, would lessen competition, or are rendered lawful by the efficiencies they

would generate, (2) criticizes the U.S. courts' traditional market-share/market-concentration protocol, the HHI-oriented protocols of the 1992 U.S. DOJ/FTC Guidelines and the European Commission (EC) Guidelines, and the various non-market-oriented protocols the DOJ/FTC have increasingly been using, (3) argues that, although the 2010 U.S. Guidelines and DOJ/FTC officials discuss market definition as if it matters, those Guidelines actually reject market-oriented approaches, and (4) reviews the relevant U.S. and E.U. case-law. Its analysis of conglomerate mergers (1) shows that they can perform the same legitimate and competition-increasing functions as horizontal mergers and can yield illegitimate profits and lessen competition by increasing contrived oligopolistic pricing and retaliation barriers to investment, (2) analyzes the determinants of all these effects, and (3) assesses limit-price theory, the toe-hold-merger doctrine, and U.S. and E.U. case-law. Its analysis of vertical conduct (1) examines the legitimate functions of each type of such conduct, (2) delineates the conditions under which each manifests specific anticompetitive intent and/or lessens competition, and (3) assesses related U.S. and E.U. case-law and DOJ/FTC and EC positions. Its analysis of joint ventures (1) explains that they violate U.S. law only when they manifest specific anticompetitive intent while they violate E.U. law either for this reason or because they lessen competition, (2) discusses the meaning of an "ancillary restraint" and demonstrates that whether a joint-venture agreement would be illegal if it imposed no restraints and whether any restraints imposed are ancillary can be determined only through case-by-case analysis, (3) explains why scholars and officials overestimate the economic efficiency of R&D joint ventures, and (4) discusses related U.S. and E.U. case-law and DOJ/FTC and EC positions. The study's Conclusion (1) reviews how its analyses justify its innovative conceptual systems and (2) compares U.S. and E.U. antitrust law as written and as applied.

This comprehensive study and revision guide provides a selection of the most relevant EU legislation, extracts from the leading EU competition cases, and a selection of critical academic perspectives, setting out objectives and placing them in context.

This third edition of European Merger Control covers the law relating to the regulation of mergers, acquisitions and joint ventures in 14 EU countries and by the EU itself. Each chapter has been written by an expert in the relevant national law and discusses topics such as notification thresholds, procedures and the substantive test(s) applied. The book also contains a chart allowing readers to compare the basic elements of merger control law in all of the countries covered and in the EU, making it a valuable reference manual.

Joint Ventures: Antitrust Analysis of Collaborations Among Competitors is the first book to provide a comprehensive analysis of antitrust joint venture law in the immediate aftermath of the Supreme Court's landmark *Dagher* decision. It reviews antitrust principles applicable to joint ventures and other competitor collaborations, taking into account relevant statutory and case law as well as

government guidelines and enforcement practices.

This second edition of *Competition Law of the European Union and the Netherlands: an overview*, is a complete revision and update of an earlier publication of 1998, published shortly after the introduction of the Dutch Competition Act. Competition law is of vital importance for all major strategic business decisions and for all corporate and MandA transactions. This book is a comprehensive analysis of the EC and Dutch rules and practises in this area of the law. It is only a matter of size of the parties and of the transaction whether the EU or Dutch rules apply. This is the primary reason for discussing both sets of rules in one publication. The other reason is that the EC rules and practices are a major source of inspiration for the Dutch legislator, regulator and the courts. The book is warmly recommended to practitioners and academics from both the legal and the economic field. Guido Westkamp, *Journal of Intellectual Property Law and Practice* . . . Glader offers strong commentary and case explanation, coupled with insightful analysis, in this complex area. . . This book is strong on both the relevant law, and the economics arena in which the law must be applied, and deals equally well with the US and EC principles and practice. Mark Furse, *European Competition Law Review*

The pace and scope of technological change is increasing, but some innovative technologies take years before they give rise to saleable products. Before they do, there is competition in ideas and research, but the ideas cannot be market tested, because there are no products or services to offer to consumers. Competition law, in Europe and the USA, cannot be applied to competition in research for innovation as if it was competition between products. Completely different problems arise and a completely different approach is needed. This book, the first on innovation markets, shows how this new approach has been used by competition authorities on both sides of the Atlantic in a wide variety of cases. It analyses in depth and detail the comparative law and economics of the problems arising from the different stages of these markets . It considers how far conclusions can be drawn about the future and comes to interesting, practical and sensible conclusions. And it avoids both unjustified scepticism and exaggerated enthusiasm about the theories of innovation markets. John Temple Lang, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, Brussels and London; Trinity College Dublin, Ireland and Oxford University, UK This book examines the legal standards and their underlying economic rationale for the protection of competition in the innovation process, in both European competition law and American antitrust law. Apart from relevant regulatory frameworks, the author also reviews a range of case laws, which assess whether a transaction or unilateral conduct would limit market participants incentives and abilities for continued innovation and future competition. At the centre of this study is the innovation market concept. This concept entails the delineation, for purposes of antitrust analysis, of an upstream market for competing R&D. Questions of market definition, the assessment of innovation competition in defined markets, the role of efficiencies in the appraisal of transactions and possible remedies to alleviate anti-competitive effects are also explored. Updating the field of research in light of new developments and broadening and deepening the categorization and analysis of the innovation market area, this book will be of great interest to academics, practitioners and consultants, and also public policymakers.

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The aim of this book is to explore the economic fundamentals of European competition law.

This book is the fourth edition of a highly practical guide to the leading cases in European Competition Law. It explores the application of Article 101 TFEU, Article 102 TFEU and the European Merger Regulation, as well as the public and private enforcement of Competition Law. In addition, it reviews the intersection between Competition Law and Intellectual Property Rights and the application of Competition Law to State action. Each chapter outlines the relevant laws, regulations and guidelines for each topic. Within this framework, cases are reviewed in summary form, accompanied by analysis and commentary. "This book should be in the library of every competition law practitioner and academic. The summary of cases is first class. But what makes it really stand out is the quality of the commentary and the selection of the material which includes not only the most important European judgements and decision but also some of the leading cases from the US and European Member States." Ali Nikpay, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher "The study of EU Competition law requires the analysis and understanding of a number of increasingly complex and lengthy European Commission and European Court decisions. Through the provision of case summaries, excerpts from the important passages and concise commentary linking these decisions to other key case law and Commission documents, this unique and impressive book provides the student and practitioner of EU competition law with an extremely clear and useful introduction to these leading decisions." Dr Kathryn McMahon, Associate Professor, School of Law, University of Warwick "The Guide is an invaluable tool for both students and practitioners. It provides a compact overview on the fundamental cases and highlights the essential problems in a clear and sharp analysis." Dr Christoph Voelk, Antitrust Practice Group, McDermott, Will & Emery LLP, Brussels "This edition will be especially valuable to competition law specialists abroad who are interested in the jurisprudence and policy of the European Union and its member states. Familiarity with the European regime is essential for proficiency in competition law today, and this volume provides an excellent foundation." William E Kovacic, Global Competition Professor of Law and Policy, George Washington University Law School, Former Chairman, US Federal Trade Commission "A perfect reference for students of competition law, giving them a kick start when searching for EU case law on a specific subject." Magnus Strand, University of Uppsala, Sweden

Florence Thépot provides the first systematic account of the interaction between competition law and corporate governance. She challenges the 'black box' conception of the firm- or 'undertaking' - in competition law, as applied to increasingly complex corporate relations. The book opens the 'black box' of the firm to understand the internal drivers of collusive behaviour, and proposes a unified approach to cartel enforcement, based on the agency theory. It explores key issues including corporate compliance programmes, the attribution of liability in corporate groups, and structural links between competitors, and should be read by anyone interested in how the evolution of the corporate landscape impacts competition law.

Advising clients on the fine line between legitimate co-operation and illegal collusion has always been one of the most difficult tasks for competition lawyers, possibly second only to defending a company under investigation for participating in an illicit cartel. This new volume provides clear guidance to lawyers, academics, and business leaders alike

on these issues, analyzing in considerable detail not only the law involved, but also the practical issues of dealing with the European Commission in such cases. It covers all aspects of agreements concluded between competitors, ranging from illegal price-forming to co-operative joint ventures and joint purchasing/selling.Å²

Competition policies have long been based on a scholarly tradition focused on static models and static analysis of industrial organisation. However, recent developments in industrial organisation literature have led to significant advances, moving beyond traditional static models and a preoccupation with price competition, to consider the organisation of industries in a dynamic context. This is especially important in the field of information and communication technology (ICT) network industries where competition centres on network effects, innovation and intellectual property rights, and where the key driver of consumer benefit is technological progress. Consequently, when an antitrust intervention is contemplated, a number of considerations that arise out of the specific nature of the ICT sector have to be taken into account to ensure improved consumer welfare. This book considers the adequacy of existing EU competition policy in the area of the ICT industries in the light of the findings of modern economic theory. Particular attention is given to the implications of these dynamic markets for the competitive assessment and treatment of the most common competitive harms in this area, such as non-price predatory practices, tying and bundling, co-operative standard setting, platform joint ventures and co-operative R&D.

The 1998 Volume on the regulation of communications markets is the third in a successful series of European Competition Law Annuals, founded upon open dialogue between technical experts, market analysts and legal practitioners. Gathering together academic papers and edited transcripts of expert discussions, it offers readers a lively and informed insight into the topical debate of whether governments, or the European Union, should intervene to prevent powerful firms from abusing their control of critical 'gateways' between consumers and communication information services. The Volume examines the technical and market evolutions that have allowed the development of single communications networks, which offer consumers a variety of telephone, audio-visual and computer data services. In an era of market liberalisation, the editors and contributors ask how private ownership of such communications networks may be reconciled with the need to ensure consumers easy access to the services that underpin our, so-called, 'information society'.

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joint ventures under competition law. Joint ventures are increasingly popular for firms seeking to gain economic advantage but the legal uncertainty that exists from a competition law perspective makes it difficult for firms to predict and adopt the safest policy when structuring and dealing with their joint ventures. Kadir Bas proposes a new approach with a more coherent and integrated framework for the analysis of joint ventures under the Merger Regulation. Gain a full understanding of this intricate and controversial area with *The Substantive Appraisal of Joint Ventures under the EU Merger Control Regime*. This significant title contains an in-depth analysis of the notion, types and aspects of joint ventures. Kadir Bas further examines the legal treatment of joint ventures under both EU and United States law, drawing on competition legislation, reported judicial decisions, administrative decisions and guidelines, and academic works devoted to the analysis of the joint venture as a legal, economic, and business phenomenon in both jurisdictions. As well as providing unique in-depth insights into the field, the extensive coverage make this book an invaluable research and comparative law resource. Kadir Bas provides detailed guidance on the most important and relevant issues including : whether the EU's full-functionality criterion is appropriate to identify joint ventures as mergers ; how the fact that the parent firms remain competitors in the joint venture's market, or in other markets, should affect the approach to the creation of a joint venture under the Merger Regulation ; and whether a joint venture and its parent(s) should form a single economic unit in respect of an agreement between themselves, and of liability for a competition law infringement. *The Substantive Appraisal of Joint Ventures under the EU Merger Control Regime* enables the reader to gain a full understanding of the current developments and debates surrounding the competition law approach to joint ventures, and will be of inestimable value to practitioners, jurists, policymakers, officials, and academics concerned with European competition law."

This book aims at providing the Legal Masters student throughout Europe's universities with a thorough selection of case law that would be of direct help when studying the subject for the first time. The primary criterion for selection has been whether a particular case has contributed to the development of one of the doctrines or notions that are so important to the understanding of EU competition law. All cases and decisions have been incorporated with their key recitals and texts only, so as to make the amount of text digestible in the context of an introductory course in EU competition law. Furthermore, for each case there is the mention of its relevance within the legal system and each case is accompanied with a short summary of its facts and circumstances. The sequence of cases follows the logic order in which EU competition law may or, in the author's view, should be taught. Wherever of practical use to the reader, cross-references are being made, be these of a general nature for a specific chapter as a whole or for a single specific case. These cross references refer to relevant sources in EU secondary legislation and Commission Notices, to a selection of further cases on the same issue, to leading scholarly articles on the subject and to interesting annotations adding to the understanding of a particular case. In this way the book offers the possibility for further study and reading to those who would find this necessary without burdening the students with extra

and extensive obligatory reading material, which would go beyond the scope of their course format. As such the book also provides the young legal practitioner or in-house counsel with invaluable and time-saving background information in this important field of the law. All texts in this third edition are in conformity with the new Article numbering and the terminology as used in the Treaty of Lisbon. Offering in-depth analysis of the case law currently being written in courtrooms all over the world under the so-called 'patent war', the book puts forward a new method for applying competition law to standards and standard-setting – in both its collus

Competition Law of the European Union' provides a comprehensive and up-to-date analysis of the EU competition rules as developed primarily by the Commission, the General Court and the Court of Justice. The new Sixth Edition of a major work by the well-known competition law team at Van Bael & Bellis in Brussels brings the book up to date to take account of the many developments in the case law and relevant legislation that have occurred since the Fifth Edition in 2010. The developments in EU competition law that have occurred have been largely incremental rather than momentous. The authors have also taken the opportunity to write a much-extended chapter on private enforcement and a dedicated section on competition law in the pharmaceutical sector. There has been significant change since the last edition with major cases and other developments in areas such as merger review procedure and cartel enforcement, and this edition will follow the successful format of previous editions covering these developments.

This fascinating new book dissects, from a Competition law perspective, how Research and Development collaborations operate under both US and EU antitrust law. Analyzing the evolution of this innovation landscape from the 1970s to the present day, Blom

This book provides a detailed analysis of the Irish competition law implications of mergers and acquisitions in Ireland. The book examines all aspects of merger review under the Competition Act 2002 (as amended) including jurisdictional questions such as the thresholds applicable for determining whether or not a merger or acquisition is subject to the compulsory notification regime, the relevant product and geographic markets and the substantive criteria applicable for the review of mergers and acquisitions. This is a comprehensive text, providing you with all the necessary information to examine the Irish competition law implications of mergers and acquisitions. It is an essential read for any lawyer or regulator involved in merger control, providing a comprehensive review of the jurisdictional and substantive issues at the heart of Irish merger control. Unique Insight in to key issues: * Explains how fundamental concepts such as market definition, substantial lessening of competition and full function joint ventures are applied * Looks at the theories of harm likely to be raised against a merger and possible counter arguments and defences * Discusses the categories of evidence examined by the Competition Authority * Examines the types of remedies

accepted to deal with substantive issues * Examines the regime for the control of media mergers * Describes the decision making process for the review of mergers under the Competition Act 2002 * Discusses the system for the referral of cases between the EU Commission and the Competition Authority * Provides an in-depth understanding of the Competition Act 2002 CONTENTS * Mergers and acquisitions regulated by the Competition Act 2002 * Full function joint ventures * Exempted mergers and acquisitions * Notification to the Competition Authority * The relevant market * Substantive review of mergers * Media mergers * Ancillary restraints * Remedies and proposals * The decision process *

Referrals between Competition Authority and the Commission About the Author Marco Hickey is a practicing solicitor and has written extensively on the subject of Irish and EU competition law. He heads the EU Competition and Regulated Markets Unit at LK Shields with a particular focus on merger control.

This collection of fifteen essays, already impressive in its range and depth of analysis, represents a considerable testament to the range and depth of Peter Plompen's expertise, his unique contribution to the development of European and national competition law (a.k.a. anti-trust law) and policy over the lively 25 years of his tenure at Philips. It furthermore provides an analysis at once fascinating and critical of a field of law, the very dynamics of which contribute to offer major challenges to all those involved in it and with it, whether they are policy makers, practitioners, enforcers or indeed 'consumers' - general or in-house counsel, as well as the final consumers of the products and services offered by their firms. Any attempt to capture and systematically analyze these dynamics - 'the shifting sands and troubled waters' - the 'remarkable journey towards convergence' - to borrow from the titles of just two of the contributions to this Liber is a complex intellectual endeavour and practical challenge in its own right.

Joint ventures (JVs) are essential to multinational enterprises managing their businesses around the world. Companies form JVs for numerous reasons, such as collaborating on a joint research project or aligning a start-up venture to enter a new market or to develop technologies. Such JVs may encounter potential problems, however, including differences in corporate culture, strategic goals, and violation of competition laws. The impact of competition laws upon JVs is the major concern of this book. It is aimed to provide a theoretical basis for forming JVs and overviews the development of the rules governing JVs under the EC competition law from the very beginning to the present. In particular, it attempts to highlight the differences between the Regulation (EEC) No. 4064/89 and the Council Regulation (EC) No. 1310/97. Finally, several competition issues such as Free Movement of Goods, Regulation 1/2003, and Financial Service Action Plan (FSAP) are also discussed.

This dissertation compares the approaches adopted in the EU competition law and the U.S. antitrust law towards joint ventures. The question is two-fold, including (i) the study of the specific problems raised by the strict conceptualisation of joint ventures under the EU policy, as compared to the U.S;

and (ii) the possible insights the U.S. experience could offer in this area. This study demonstrates that the categorical approach in the EU has involved, over time, a number of specific issues that have been avoided in the U.S.. These relate, in particular, to the concepts employed to make the jurisdictional distinction between the mutually exclusive rules for mergers and horizontal agreements, which have caused a number of complications and led to unnecessary forum shopping. These differences are explained and their implications analysed in an attempt to help understand the approaches chosen and to explore how the EU policy could be further developed. It emerges from this comparison that some of the highly technical issues concerning the legal characterization of joint ventures have, over time, reflected more fundamental differences in the enforcement attitude towards industrial cooperation between competitors as compared to mergers, including a different understanding of their effects on competition. This concerns, in particular, the controversial European concentration privilege favoring mergers and concentrative joint ventures over more limited cooperative alliances, whereas the U.S. enforcers have normally treated full integrations more suspect than partial ones. Inspiring from the insights learned by studying the US approach, this dissertation concludes with a recommendation to revisit and clarify the EU approach to joint ventures in two specific areas. First, it calls for an explanation on how the substantive analysis of joint ventures under Article 101 TFEU compares with that of mergers, particularly in relation to the assessment of market power. Second, it suggests that the fate of Article 2(4) EUMR concerning the treatment of spill-over collusion be reconsidered in the current framework, including a clarification of its current function and purpose, if any.

This report examines the policy of the European Union towards agreements on competition between firms. The report looks at the EU's policy from three perspectives.

This book examines the treatment of joint ventures (JVs) in EU Competition Law, and at the same time provides a comparison with US law. It starts with an analysis of the rather elusive concept of JV, encompassing both concentrative JVs (subject to merger control) and non-concentrative JVs. Although focused on possible definitions of joint ventures in terms of competition law, it also includes a broader perspective (going beyond competition law) on the different legal models of structuring cooperation links between undertakings. At the core of the book is an attempt to build an analytical model for the assessment of JVs in terms of antitrust law, especially as regards Article 101 of the TFEU. The analytical model used proposes a set of sequential analytical levels, taking into account structural factors and specific factors related to the main constituent elements of the functional programmes of JVs. The model is applied to a substantive assessment of four main types of JVs identified on the basis of their prevailing economic function: research and development JVs; production JVs; commercialization JVs; and purchasing JVs. Also covered are particular situations of joint ownership of

undertakings falling short of joint control. In the concluding part of the book recent developments in JV antitrust law are put into context within the wider reform of EU Competition Law. The book is also comprehensively updated with the latest developments concerning the reform of the EU framework of horizontal cooperation between undertakings that took place at the end of 2010.

European Commission Decisions on Competition provides a comprehensive economic classification and analysis of all European Commission decisions adopted pursuant to Articles 101, 102 and 106 of the FEU Treaty from 1962 to 2009. It also includes a sample of landmark European merger cases. The decisions are organised according to the principal economic theory applied in the case. For each economic category, the seminal Commission decision that became a reference point for that type of anticompetitive behaviour is described. For this, a fixed template format is used throughout the book. All subsequent decisions in which the same economic principle was applied are listed chronologically. It complements the most widely used textbooks in industrial organisation, competition economics and competition law, to which detailed references are offered. The book contains source material for teachers and students, scholars of competition law and economics, as well as practising competition lawyers and officials.

The annual edition of Sweet & Maxwell's guide to EC Competition Law has become a recognised reference point for EC competition law issues. It serves as a search tool to EC competition law cases, decisions handed down and tables of fines awarded. Key legislation is also reproduced in full.

This work considers in detail the EU law and case law affecting various types of "horizontal" agreements - those between undertakings operating at the same level of the manufacturing, supply or retail chain. It derives from a section in the looseleaf Law of the EU (Vaughan & Robertson, eds), and is made available here for the benefit of those who don't subscribe to the looseleaf.

There are certainly no perfections and neither Russian nor EU competition law represents a perfect solution in respect to joint ventures, nevertheless, while in EU joint ventures are enjoying increasing popularity, in Russia more foreign investors do prefer to establish wholly owned companies. Joint ventures still create many legal uncertainties under Russian law. This essay assesses joint ventures under EC merger regulation and Russian law on competition in order to provide better understanding of two so different, but at the same time similar legal systems.

No branch of European law has been as subject to expansion and change as competition law. Between the enormous forces of globalisation, technology, and EU enlargement, the Commission and national competition authorities have been compelled to keep rethinking their practices and procedures and issuing new regulations. Now, in the wake of its highly acclaimed predecessors, the new Third Edition of European Competition Law offers the practitioner everything required to act in accordance with the latest developments in the field. Along with the

thorough guide to continuing practice that its readers have come to expect, European Competition Law in its Third Edition fully covers such areas as the following: the Commission's new assessment of distribution practices and vertical restraints, in particular the block exemptions granted by Regulations 2790/1999 and 1400/2002; procedure before national competition authorities and national courts for enforcement of European rules under Regulation 1/2003; the new Merger Control Regulation in force as of 1 May 2004; the new Transfer of Technology Regulation; and, the increased fines for hard-core cartel practices or abuse of dominant market position. The Third Edition is remarkable in that it actually previews the substantive and procedural rules that will be coming into effect during 2004 and subsequent years. And, like prior editions, the work has no peer in its coverage of past administrative practice and the case law of the Court of Justice. All in all, European Competition Law, Third Edition, will be of immeasurable value to practitioners who need to keep informed about how EC competition laws are applied, so they can continue to render practical, meaningful advice to firms whose agreements, transactions and conduct in the marketplace are governed by competition rules.

As of October 2008, liner shipping companies lose their privileged status under EU competition law due to withdrawal of the liner conference block exemption, which generously authorized horizontal price-fixing and similar agreements between liner shipping companies. Where the liner consortia block exemption does not apply, all cooperative activity should be carefully and individually assessed under the competition provisions of the EC Treaty. Alla Pozdnakova has taken this opportunity to research and write an in-depth study of competition law problems in the liner shipping context. Her analysis is not only the first to examine the new European regime, and thus the most up-to-date study of the subject; it is in fact the first major independent study of how Articles 81 and 82 EC are construed and applied to the market conduct of liner shipping companies. In particular, the author addresses the following legal questions: * Does cooperation between liner shipping companies infringe Article 81(1) even if it does not entail hard-core restrictions of competition? * Can a cooperative arrangement between liner shipping companies claim that the efficiencies they produce outweigh the negative impact on competition (Article 81(3))? * When do certain market strategies of liner carriers become an abuse of a collective or individual dominant position (Article 82)? * Does parallel pricing behaviour infringe EC Treaty competition rules? Systematically, the author considers various market strategies of liner shipping companies and tests them as to their compatibility with EC Treaty competition provisions. In doing so, she thoroughly analyses European Commission decisions and judgments of the European courts, applying them authoritatively to the liner shipping sector. In this way, her book provides a well-structured account that clearly identifies the legal issues that liner shipping companies are likely to face once the special treatment traditionally allowed them is withdrawn. A summary of current and prospective

developments in EU competition regulation and policy in liner shipping rounds up the analysis. *Liner Shipping and EU Competition Law* will be a unique and powerful resource for practitioners and policymakers as liner shipping companies restructure their agreements and market strategies to accommodate loss of the block exemption. It is also sure to become a definitive analysis of the legal identity of the liner shipping market sector under European competition law.

Competition law in the EU includes a wide range of topics and has developed into a very comprehensive area of regulation. This book covers the broader perspective of competition law, giving an overview of a very complex domain of EU law. Through all relevant sources of primary and secondary EU law the book presents the intricacies of the present competition framework for businesses and public entities. It draws the lines between the different areas, and between competition law and the internal market project. The book covers all aspects of traditional EU competition law, as well as issues not formally regulated in the TFEU section on competition rules – the competition issues of the liberalised sectors and public procurement. Among the matters covered are the following: • the substantive rules on Articles 101 and 102 TFEU; • the enforcement rules of these provisions; • merger control; • the liberalised sectors, with focus on energy, transport, postal services and telecommunication; • state aid; • public undertakings; and • public procurement. With its enhanced view of EU competition policy, regulation, and enforcement, and its emphasis on specific industry sectors, this book offers an unusually thorough view of aspects of competition law which play an essential role in regulating the conduct of undertakings and public authorities in the market. It will be of special value to any lawyer, policymaker, or scholar active in European competition law.

Since the liberalisation of air transport in the EU in the late 1980s, with the application of competition law to agreements and practices within the EU, and between EU and non-EU airlines since 2004, competition has intensified and the industry has evolved, with the emergence of low cost carriers, greater consolidation between full service carriers through mergers and alliances, and most recently, convergence of business models as airlines respond to competitive pressures. The enforcement of competition law has also increased within the EU – at EU and EU member state level and internationally. This practical and thoroughly researched book, minimising the need for cross-referencing, is the only current comprehensive study of European competition law from the perspective of the airline industry. Among the issues and topics covered are the following: - commercial agreements between airlines such as code-sharing, mergers and alliances and other joint ventures; - means of distribution such as computer reservation (or global distribution) systems and travel agents; - supply and distribution agreements; - abusive conduct by dominant companies including airports, airlines, or other companies; - cartels, including the Airfreight cartel case; - information exchange between competitors; - procedure, enforcement and private actions for damages; - state aid to airlines by Governments, through agreements between regional airports and low cost carriers, and aid to airports; and - subsidies by non-EU countries to airlines. The author also gives an overview of the liberalisation process, the European Common Aviation Area, agreements with non-EU countries, latest developments (including Brexit) and ongoing trends. As a practical guide to the application of competition law in relation to drafting commercial agreements, planning and structuring mergers and alliances, assessing existing agreements, or handling claims or disputes among airlines or airports, legal practitioners in the transport field will find this book to be of inestimable value, as will business persons at airlines and airports. For regulators, academics, and university libraries, this book will also prove itself indispensable. Twenty years of experience have inevitably brought to light challenges and tensions in the enforcement of the European merger control system. Some of these challenges have been faced, some have been solved and some remain latent. This very valuable study starts from

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the proposition that the EU has never fully acknowledged those fundamental challenges which relate to the rationale behind merger control in Europe. The author shows how the Commission's focus on adapting the rules of merger control to the economic realities of the future business environment, although designed with a view to facilitating European integration, has compromised attainment of legal certainty, transparency and welfare enhancement. In its detailed evaluation of the 'future market structure prediction process' embedded in European merger control policy, this book approaches two rock-bottom, far-reaching questions: In what ways does merger control promote consumer and societal welfare? Is the Commission able to correctly predict the outcome of any given concentration transaction? These considerations take the reader through a deep and searching analysis that calls into question the very credibility and transparency of the system, leading to alternatives which promise a new clarity of purpose and procedure. The author describes how these recommendations can be integrated into the functioning framework of the European project. Taken fully into account along the way is a wide spectrum of relevant source material, including the following: applicable articles and chapters of the founding and subsequent European Treaties; secondary European legislation concerning competition and merger activity; domestic competition laws; guidelines, notices and action plans; competition law reviews, statements of intentions; draft legislative attempts; speeches on the enactment and purpose of merger control; Member States' views concerning European merger control as expressed during Council negotiations; officially available concentration-related statistics; and a wide-ranging literature review covering both the legal and economic sides of merger control. Throughout, the author substantiates theoretical assertions with case law examples, clearly exposing doctrines arising from such cases as *Continental Can*, *Phillip Morris/Rothmans* and the *Airtours*, *Schneider* and *Tetra Laval* trilogy. A unique feature of the analysis draws on the author's personal experience while working for a Brussels competition law firm. This book is a remarkable compound of academic guide to the roots and rationales of the European Merger Control System, practical guide to the day-to-day intricacies of merger control enforcement, and 'raw' guide for decision makers and merger control law enforcers. It will be of immense value in all three contexts.

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Bellis in Brussels brings the book up to date to take account of the many developments in the case law and relevant legislation that have occurred since the Fifth Edition in 2010. The authors have also taken the opportunity to write a much-extended chapter on private enforcement and a dedicated section on competition law in the pharmaceutical sector. As one would expect, the new edition continues to meet the challenge for businesses and their counsel, providing a thoroughly practical guide to the application of the EU competition rules. The critical commentary cuts through the theoretical underpinnings of EU competition law to expose its actual impact on business. In this comprehensive new edition, the authors examine such notable developments as the following: important rulings concerning the concept of a restriction by object under Article 101; the extensive case law in the field of cartels, including in relation to cartel facilitation and price signalling; important Article 102 rulings concerning pricing and exclusivity, including the Post Danmark and Intel judgments, as well as standard essential patents; the current block exemption and guidelines applicable to vertical agreements, including those applicable to the motor vehicle sector; developments concerning online distribution, including the Pierre Fabre and Coty rulings; the current guidelines and block exemptions in the field of horizontal cooperation, including the treatment of information exchange; the evolution of EU merger control, including court defeats suffered by the Commission and the case law on procedural infringements; the burgeoning case law related to pharmaceuticals, including concerning reverse payment settlements; the current technology transfer guidelines and block exemption; procedural developments, including in relation to the right to privacy, access to file, parental liability, fining methodology, inability to pay and hybrid settlements; the implementation of the Damages Directive and the first interpretative rulings. As a comprehensive, up-to-date and above all practical analysis of the EU competition rules as developed by the Commission and EU Courts, this authoritative new edition of a classic work stands alone. Like its predecessors, it will be of immeasurable value to both business persons and their legal advisers.

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