

Degree of monopolisation

Dimension - Economics

Associated Key Factor:

Industrial and business structures and patterns

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1980 - 2003: EU-15

1980 - 2003: Member States (EU-15)

The indicator:

Measures the number of antitrust cases.

Description

The Commission publishes various notices in antitrust cases announcing the reception of notifications in certain cases or inviting comments from third parties in ongoing investigations. These notices are published in the Official Journal of the European Communities C series. Links to the Official Journal texts of notices are added to this listing. The most commonly published notices are:

Publication pursuant to Article 19(3) of Council Regulation No 17 "19(3) notices" define the Commission's preliminary orientation in a case and invite any further comments from third parties.

"Carlsberg" notices concerning structural cooperative joint ventures

A "Carlsberg Notice" is an announcement of notifications received in certain antitrust cases. The notices give a brief description of the case notified and asks for comments on the case from third parties

How is it measured?

Information received from national competition authorities and law courts.

What are the disadvantages of the Indicator?

It should be discriminated between closed and open cases. Moreover, the simple number does not make a lot of sense, it should be set in correlation with the market share of the involved companies.

What is the policy relevance of the indicator?

An enterprise holding a dominant position may be tempted to abuse its position by, for example, charging exorbitant purchase or selling prices or by conferring discriminatory benefits on certain customers in order to control their behaviour or to keep competitors out of the market.

The Indicator is relevant for the following pathways of the FORESIGHT FOR TRANSPORT exercise:

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