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Competition law

Competition law is one of the core practices of GRATA International and our lawyers are widely acknowledged as experts in the competition law of GRATA countries of presence and EAEU.

We have represented our clients in the Antitrust Authority's numerous investigations and litigation on the matters of competition. We have unique experience of successfully representing the client in the Eurasian Economic Commission's investigation into prohibited subsidy.

GRATA Law Firm has a proven track record of numerous merger clearances obtained for major cross-border transactions.

We have experience in reviewing commercial contracts for compliance with the EAEU and GRATA countries of presence competition law. In particular, our lawyers have been engaged in many projects to analyze distribution contracts and dealer contracts.

We take pride in the fact that major transnational corporations choose GRATA International as their permanent legal advisor in representing them on the antitrust matters.

Our services:

- ▶ Obtaining the merger clearance from the Antitrust Authority;
- ▶ Advising our Clients over the course of the Antitrust Authority's inspection, appealing the orders of the Antitrust Authority;
- ▶ Representing our Clients in the Antitrust Authority's investigations and litigation on the matters of competition;
- ▶ Protecting our Clients from unfair competition and anticompetitive contracts, initiating investigations of the Antitrust Authority, filing lawsuits;
- ▶ Analyzing contracts, policies and other documents for compliance with the competition law;
- ▶ Antitrust audit and antitrust compliance;
- ▶ Advising on the competition law matters of the Eurasian Economic Union;
- ▶ Representing our Clients in the matters of violation of the competition rules on cross-border markets reviewed by the Eurasian Economic Commission;
- ▶ Representing our Clients in investigations of the Eurasian Economic Commission on the matters of applying global safeguard measures, anti-dumping measures, and countervailing measures;
- ▶ Carrying out seminars and trainings on the matters of antitrust regulation.

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Experience

Belarus

- ▶ Representation of the interests of a leading Belarusian manufacturer of metering devices and regulating thermal energy and measuring liquid consumption in antitrust authorities on the issue of trademark protection and know-how in unfair competition.
- ▶ Legal Protection of the Polish manufacturer of building materials in a dispute with the antimonopoly authority on the improper use by the client of discounted energy tariffs. The amount of the dispute is about 1,000,000 US dollars.
- ▶ Representation of the interests of a developer and manufacturer of equipment and solutions for professional mobile radio communications in the process of appealing the results of tenders at the Ministry of Antimonopoly Regulation and Trade of Belarus (MART of Belarus). We have succeeded in canceling the public procurement procedure financed from the budget, due to its inconsistency with the competition law.
- ▶ Organization of obtaining the consent of the MART of Belarus for the reorganization in the form of a merger, with the redistribution of shares in the authorized capital the company – a large wholesale supplier of petroleum products.
- ▶ Legal Support for obtaining the regulator’s consent for a foreign investor to complete the purchase and sale of shares in the authorized capital of a large company – developer of a prestigious residential quarter in Minsk.
- ▶ Representation of interests of a Polish company in the acquisition of a majority stake in a Belarusian company –seller of children’s clothing, including coordination of the transaction with the antimonopoly authority, structuring of the transaction, etc.
- ▶ Advising a large construction company in the energy industry on the creation / joining of a holding and on preparation of local acts of the holding (Regulations on the holding, on the Holding Council, on creating a centralized holding fund and using its funds by holding members).
- ▶ Advising a large pharmaceutical company on the need to obtain the consent of the MART of Belarus when making an M&A transaction.

Kazakhstan

- ▶ Permanent legal advisor to one of the major automobile manufacturers on the matters of antitrust regulation in Kazakhstan;
- ▶ Permanent legal advisor to one of the major payment systems on the matters of antitrust regulation in Kazakhstan;
- ▶ Representation of one of the major electronics manufacturers in the Antitrust Authority’s investigation in the matters of unfair competition;
- ▶ Represented a major steel producing company in Kazakhstan in the Eurasian Economic Commission’s investigation in the case of prohibited subsidies (a potential fine was 800 million US dollars);
- ▶ Represented one of the major Kazakhstani broadcasting companies in the Antitrust Authority’s investigation in the case of abuse of dominant position;
- ▶ Obtained the Antitrust Authority’s merger clearance for Total SA in acquisition of Maersk Oil (the deal was valued at 7.45 billion US dollars);
- ▶ Obtained the Kazakhstani Antitrust Authority’s merger clearance for the Sberbank group in acquisition of Intercomp

JSC (the deal was valued at 1.3 billion US dollars);

- ▶ Obtained the Kazakhstani Antitrust Authority's merger clearance for one of the major Russian railway companies in acquisition of the controlling stake in the major Russian container operator (the deal was valued at 60.3 billion Russian rubles);
- ▶ Advised CITIC Bank Corporation Limited on the antitrust matters in acquisition of Altyn Bank JSC;
- ▶ Advised Ericson on the matters of the Kazakhstan competition law;
- ▶ Advised one of the major pharmaceutical companies in the world on the matters of the Kazakhstan competition law;
- ▶ Analysed a distribution contract of one of the major energy drink companies in the world for compliance with the Kazakhstan competition law;
- ▶ Analysed a distribution contract of one of the major Fast-Moving Consumer Goods companies in the world for compliance with the Kazakhstan competition law;
- ▶ Analysed a distribution contract of one of the major manufacturers of pneumatic air tools and monitoring systems for compliance with the Kazakhstan competition law.

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