

The Nature of this Book

This book is designed as a working tool. It is a concise, highly practical guide to the leading cases which shape European competition law.

Cases in this book include judgments of the Court of Justice of the European Union and General Court as well as leading decisions of the European Commission. Reference is also made to a number of cases from the United States and from EU Member States. The book includes over 500 case entries. It covers the leading cases taught in universities across Europe, as well as many additional cases which shape the scope and application of European competition law.

The book is divided into 12 chapters, focusing in particular on Article 101 TFEU (ex Article 81 EC), Article 102 TFEU (ex Article 82 EC) and the European Merger Regulation. In addition it explores the public and private enforcement of competition law, the intersection between intellectual property rights and competition law and the application of competition law to state action.

A short introduction at the beginning of each chapter summarises the relevant regulations and guidelines and provides an analytical framework for the cases covered in the chapter. All case entries are accompanied by commentary which adds further context by, among other things, analysing the case in relation to other cases, regulations and guidelines.

In line with the functional approach at the heart of this book, case entries are concise. They include a mixture of quotes and summaries, extracting the main points of each case that are relevant to the chapter in which the case appears. The reader will not find long extracts from regulations or guidelines in this book. These are easily accessible in print or electronic form.

References in decisions or judgments to the old numbering of the Treaty of Amsterdam have been updated throughout this book to include the renumbering following the Treaty of Lisbon (Treaty on the functioning of the European Union). Thus, references in earlier cases to Articles 81, 82 and 86 EC are represented as Article 101 TFEU, Article 102 TFEU and Article 106 TFEU respectively.

Following the coming into force of the Treaty of Lisbon, the European courts have been renamed. Article 19 TEU stipulates that the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) shall include the Court of Justice (formerly abbreviated 'ECJ') and the General Court (formerly the Court of First Instance). References throughout this book have been updated accordingly.