

European Competition Law in a Nutshell: A Concise Guide

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The importance of European Competition Law in our economically globalised world cannot be overestimated. The Commission's regulation and the European Courts' jurisdiction extend not only to undertakings based in EU Member States, but also to undertakings of any nationality who do business in the EU.

This book provides practitioners and legal students with an overview of the theoretical principles of European Competition Law. Moreover, it also examines the application of these concepts in cases which have been investigated by the Commission and brought before the European Courts.

The authors comprise a tenured Professor of Law, specialised in European Law, a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales, and a German lawyer. The text benefits from a collaboration between lawyers with both civil and common law backgrounds whose areas of expertise are varied yet complementary. With experience ranging from advising multi-national corporations and governments to appearing for them before the General Court and the Court of Justice, the authors are well qualified to analyse and criticize European Competition Law and policy.

The book at hand presents a full range of EU Competition Law topics in a clear and concise manner: Cartels, Antitrust, Merger Control, State Aid and Public Procurement. Detailing classic cases and established principles as well as recent developments, this up-to-date book includes the Commission's new guidance on Horizontal Block Exemptions and the revised European State Aid regime for the financial sector implemented in response to the recent financial crisis.

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