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FUEL

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Jurisdiction:	Brazil											
Sector:	Oil sector											
Market:	Fuel resale market	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	2019											
Duration:		Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
Source of idea for study:	Own initiative											
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Reason for study (what were the underlying problems?):	The fuel resale market has been subject of investigations concerning potential anticompetitive practices in several jurisdictions. In Brazil, CADE concluded an investigation in 2016 concerning a cartel between gas stations in Distrito Federal. The paper presents an ex-post evaluation on the benefits resulted from CADE's decision against the cartel in the fuel resale market in Distrito Federal. It applies the OECD methodology on assessing the impact of enforcement decisions (2014) and ex-post evaluation of competition agencies enforcement decisions (2016).											
Link to report:	http://www.cade.gov.br/aceso-a-informacao/publicacoes-institucionais/publicacoes-dee/Documentodetrabalho042019Mensurandoosbeneficiosdecombateacartis_ocasodocarteldecombustveisnoDistritoFederal.pdf											
Remarks (if any):												

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Jurisdiction:	Brazil											
Sector:	Oil Sector											
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Reason for study (what were the underlying problems?):	The study presents an ex-post evaluation concerning the cartel in the fuel resale market in the Brazilian south region.											
Link to report:	http://www.cade.gov.br/aceso-a-informacao/publicacoes-institucionais/publicacoes-dee/documento-de-trabalho-002-2018-avaliacao-de-politica-de-concorrencia.pdf											
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Sector:	Oil											
Market:	Fuel Resale market	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	2018											
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Source of idea for study:												
Outcome: (check all relevant boxes)		Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
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Reason for study (what were the underlying problems?):	The study encompassed nine measures, including recommendations to regulatory agency and stakeholders, aiming at fostering competition and innovation in the oil sector. It understands that in addition to the combat of anticompetitive practices in the sector, some regulatory changes and the design of market structure would contribute for enhancing competition.											
Link to report:	http://www.cade.gov.br/acesso-a-informacao/publicacoes-institucionais/contribuicoes-do-cade/contribuicoes-do-cade-medidas-28maio2018-final.pdf											
Remarks (if any):												

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Jurisdiction:	Hong Kong											
Sector:	Auto-fuel											
Market:	Auto-fuel	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	May 2017	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
Duration:	2 years											
Source of idea for study:	Engagement with the public											
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Reason for study (what were the underlying problems?):	<p>Given the vital role that auto-fuels play in day-to-day life, it is important for the markets in which they are supplied to be functioning well. News reports highlighting that petrol prices in Hong Kong are the highest in the world have brought the state of competition in the local auto-fuel market into even sharper focus.</p> <p>This report identifies a number of issues which the Commission believes to be responsible for hindering competition and which would likely have contributed to high auto-fuel prices in Hong Kong. The report then goes on to make recommendations on how to address these issues.</p>											
Link to report:	<p>Full report: https://www.compcomm.hk/en/media/press/files/Full_Report_Auto_fuel_Market_Study_Report_Eng.pdf</p> <p>Executive summary: https://www.compcomm.hk/en/media/press/files/Auto_fuel_Market_Study_Report_ExSummary_Eng.pdf</p>											
Remarks (if any):	<p>It is important to take note that this market study is not conducted as part of an investigation, and therefore the Commission does not have compulsory information gathering powers at its disposal. The Commission had to rely heavily on stakeholders' willingness to provide information and materials gathered from the public domain for this study.</p>											

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Jurisdiction:	Japan Fair Trade Commission											
Sector:	Fuel											
Market:	Gasoline	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	April 2016											
Duration:	10 months											
Source of idea for study:	A follow-up of the previous survey (conducted in 2013)	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
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Reason for study (what were the underlying problems?):	The JFTC published "Survey Report on Gasoline Transaction" in July 2013. After that, the JFTC recognized some changes in competitive environment of the gasoline distribution market including a change of the method of determining wholesale prices from primary oil distributors to retailers. Therefore, the JFTC decided to conduct the follow-up survey so as to figure out the current condition of gasoline distribution and examine the ways to ensure fair competition in the gasoline distribution market.											
Link to report:	(Press release in English) https://www.jftc.go.jp/en/pressreleases/yearly-2016/April/160628.html (Press release and full report in Japanese) https://www.jftc.go.jp/houdou/pressrelease/h28/apr/160428.html											
Remarks (if any):												

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Jurisdiction:	Israel											
Sector:	Fuel											
Market:	Gas stations	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:												
Duration:												
Source of idea for study:												
Outcome: (check all relevant boxes)		Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
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Reason for study (what were the underlying problems?):	<p>The Israeli gas stations market suffers from a high level of concentration, with four big players controlling over 80% of the gas stations, and a few small players encountering high barriers to growth, since there is a shortage of lands designated for gas stations.</p> <p>The market study introduces a methodology to define gas station geographic market, and examines the correlation between the level of concentration and gas prices.</p> <p>The study finds that the existence of a small player in a geographical market is correlated with lower prices, both for petrol, which has a price ceiling, and to a higher extent for diesel.</p>											
Link to report:	<p>Draft for Public Comments - Gas Stations Spatial competition: The Connection between Market Structure and Petrol Prices (July 9th, 2017) https://www.gov.il/he/departments/publications/reports/draftmarketres-gasstationsorg (Hebrew)</p> <p>Draft for Public Comments - Gas Stations Spatial competition: The Connection between Market Structure and Diesel Prices (December 26th, 2017) https://www.gov.il/he/departments/publications/reports/draftmarketres-gasstations (Hebrew)</p>											
Remarks (if any):												

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Fuel

Jurisdiction:	Australia	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	Unleaded petrol, diesel, automotive LPG											
End Date:	Ongoing	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
Duration:	Quarterly reports since February 2015 (annually prior to that).											
Source of idea for study:	Ministerial Direction											
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Reason for study (what were the problems)?		To study specific geographic markets, specific products or other issues of concern to the Australian public.										
Link to report:		https://www.accc.gov.au/publications/quarterly-report-on-the-australian-petroleum-industry										

Jurisdiction:	Australia	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	Petrol – regional markets											
End Date:	Ongoing	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
Duration:	Several per year since 2015											
Source of idea for study:	Ministerial Direction											
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Reason for study (what were the problems)?		These studies look at specific petrol issues in depth. These include analyses of the price drivers of petrol in regional markets. The aim of the market studies generally includes explaining why petrol prices are higher in certain regional locations and where the profits are being made along the petrol supply chain.										
Link to report:		http://www.accc.gov.au/publications/petrol-market-studies										

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Jurisdiction:	Czech Republic	Range of Possible Outcomes									
Market:	Retail petrol and motor fuel market of The Czech Republic										
End Date:											
Duration:	Beginning of inquiry 2013 – (unclosed), data from 01/01/2008										
Source of idea for study:	Important market; inspiration especially in Germany and Austria										
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Reason for study (what were the problems)?		Sensitive market for consumers; continuous monitoring of the price behaviour of petrol stations; special software for geographical analysis of dataset was developed, internal price-monitoring tool									
Link to report:		No official report on the market study has been finalized yet. However for further information please see the link of the presentation of the study: http://www.uohs.cz/en/information-centre/conferences-and-workshops/past-events/st-martin-conference-2013/introduction-of-speakers-and-their-presentations.html									

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Market:	Ethanol											
End Date:	Annual since 2005	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
Duration:												
Source of idea for study:	Statutory requirement by Congress											
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Reason for study (what were the problems)?	The Energy Policy Act of 2005 required the FTC to assess concentration in the market for ethanol annually. Each report provides the results of staff's examination the state of ethanol production in the United States and measures market concentration using capacity and production data											
Link to report:	Annual Report: Federal Trade Commission Report on Ethanol Market Concentration (2014): https://www.ftc.gov/reports/report-congress-ethanol-market-concentration-december-2014 Annual Report: Federal Trade Commission Report on Ethanol Market Concentration (2013): https://www.ftc.gov/reports/report-congress-ethanol-market-concentration-november-2013 For other years, search https://www.ftc.gov .											

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Jurisdiction:	Russia	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	Wholesale markets of additives and fuel additives that increase the octane number of motor gasoline.											
End Date:	December, 2015											
Duration:	6 months											
Source of idea for study:	Order of the FAS Russia from December 18, 2014 № 790/14 «On the plan of work on the analysis of the state of competition in the commodity markets in 2015-2016", which envisages carrying out, including analysis of the state of competition in the wholesale markets additives and fuel additives, increasing the octane number of motor gasoline for 2014											
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Reason for study (what were the problems)?	Prohibition of release and circulation of MMA as a part of motor gasoline in the Russian Federation from July 01, 2016, in connection with the exception of the turnover in the Russian Federation of motor gasoline environmental class K4.											
Link to report:												

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Jurisdiction:	Spain	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	Wholesale Market for Road Fuels											
End Date:	July, 2015	<div>Competition Enforcement</div> <div>Consumer Enforcement</div> <div>Consumer Education</div> <div>Business Education</div> <div>Voluntary Business Compliance</div> <div>Voluntary Business Action</div> <div>Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law</div> <div>Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure</div> <div>Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy</div> <div>Referral to Third Parties</div> <div>No Problems Found</div>										
Duration:	1 year											
Source of idea for study:	Follow up on the 2012 study on the Spanish road fuels market, with an emphasis in the wholesale market.											
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Reason for study (what were the problems)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persistence of numerous barriers to entry and expansion of new entrants which limits the effective competition and results in high prices. • High concentration and vertical integration throughout the value chain. • Indications that imports do not generate a significant competitive constraint. • The presence of operators with refining capacity in the Hydrocarbon Logistics Company (CLH) could hinder competition. Also tariffs might not be at a competitive level. • The costs of maintaining the minimum security stocks supported by wholesale operators could constitute an additional barrier to entry and expansion. 											
Link to report:	http://www.cnmc.es/Portals/0/Ficheros/cnmc/ECNMC002%20Study%20of%20the%20Wholesale%20Automotive%20Fuel%20Market%20in%20Spain.pdf											

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Jurisdiction:	El Salvador											
Market:	Liquid fuels	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	June 24 th , 2015 DECISION DATE	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
Duration:	Start date (contract): November/2013 End date (decision): June/2015											
Source of idea for study:	Update of the 2006 Liquid Fuels Study											
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Reason for study (what were the problems)?	The Study will allow to review again the competition conditions in these markets and to match current results with the situation in 2006 when the first Study ended. The main objective is to evaluate the competition conditions which will facilitate the Competition Law's enforcement and will provide a sound basis for the issuance of public policy recommendations to promote economic efficiency and consumer welfare.											
Link to report:	http://www.sc.gob.sv/pages.php?Id=1636 Decisions: http://www.sc.gob.sv/pages.php?Id=1635											

Jurisdiction:	Poland											
Market:	Biofuels	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	June 2015	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
Duration:	28 months											
Source of idea for study:												
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Reason for study (what were the problems)?	The study was triggered by a high level of concentration ratio on the market and possible occurrence of anticompetitive practices.											
Link to report:												

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Jurisdiction:	Croatia																																	
Market:	Automobile gas																																	
End Date:	22 December 2014																																	
Duration:	Up to one year																																	
Source of idea for study:	Own initiative.																																	
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Link to report:																																		

Jurisdiction:	Poland																																	
Market:	Production and distribution of coal																																	
End Date:	November 2014																																	
Duration:	7 months																																	
Source of idea for study:	In-house work																																	
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Reason for study (what were the problems)?	Information about possible problems on the domestic market for coal distribution.																																	
Link to report:																																		

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Jurisdiction:	Poland	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	Base oil and lubricants											
End Date:	October 2014	Competition Enforcement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Consumer Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/>	Consumer Education <input type="checkbox"/>	Business Education <input type="checkbox"/>	Voluntary Business Compliance <input type="checkbox"/>	Voluntary Business Action <input type="checkbox"/>	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law <input type="checkbox"/>	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy <input type="checkbox"/>	Referral to Third Parties <input type="checkbox"/>	No Problems Found <input type="checkbox"/>
Duration:	30 months											
Source of idea for study:												
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Reason for study (what were the problems)?	The main purpose of the study was to define the relevant market and collect information about competition on the market.											
Link to report:												

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Jurisdiction:	Norway	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	Retail gasoline											
End Date:	2014	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
Duration:	2010-2014											
Source of idea for study:	Competition concerns and increased market knowledge											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	<p>The study shows there has been a significant increase in gross margins in Norway compared to Sweden after 2006. Another finding is that there has been a move from one price peak to two price peaks per week in pump petrol prices. It seems clear that this move has contributed to increased industry profits.</p> <p>The findings also indicate that national competition has weakened over time. The price cycle of two peaks per week and the increase in recommended retail price are present in the whole country. In general, the increase in gross margins may indicate that competition in the Norwegian retail fuel market is restricted. The published report, together with the attention of the media around the report, aims to increase consumer awareness. Consumers with knowledge about the pattern of two price peaks have the ability to adapt to this pattern, and may choose to fill up their tanks on days with lower prices.</p> <p>The findings in this report supports a continued monitoring of the retail fuel market. Moreover, in its advocacy efforts, the NCA will focus on measures aimed at limiting increased market concentration, measures that can lower barriers to entry as well as measures aimed at hindering coordination.</p>											
Link to report:	http://www.konkurransetilsynet.no/globalassets/filer/publikasjoner/rapporter/rapport---drivstoffmerkedet-i-norge_2014.pdf (in Norwegian)											

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Jurisdiction:	Brazil	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	Retail automotive fuels											
End Date:	2014											
Duration:	6 months											
Source of idea for study:	Own initiative	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
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Reason for study (what were the problems)?	This published market study consolidated, systematized and disseminated CADE's jurisprudence on the "retail automotive fuels" industry.											
Link to report:	http://www.cade.gov.br/upload/Cadernos%20do%20Cade%20-%20Varejo%20de%20Gasolina.pdf											

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Jurisdiction:	Sweden											
Market:	Retail road fuel market	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	December 2013	Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duration:	12 Months											
Source of idea for study:	Part of government commissioned report into competition conditions in Sweden in key focus areas. Topics for study were selected by the SCA.											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	<p>The Swedish retail market for road fuel has become highly concentrated over the past two decades and is now dominated by four main companies. The price differences between them are in general very minor, which the report identifies depends mainly on factors such as high price transparency, product homogeneity and the high degree of vertical integration in the market. This high degree of vertical integration is a characteristic that distinguishes the Swedish market from many other international markets. The study was carried out as part of a larger report into competition conditions in Sweden.</p>											
Link to report:	http://www.konkurrensverket.se/globalassets/publikationer/rapporter/rapport_2013-10_summary.pdf (English summary of report and recommendations)											

Jurisdiction:	Poland											
Market:	Gas market	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	December 2013	Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Duration:	9 months											
Source of idea for study:												
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	<p>Detailed analysis of the market structure and its players.</p>											
Link to report:												

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Jurisdiction:	Colombia											
Market:	Retail Market for Natural Vehicular Gas in Colombia	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	2013	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
Duration:	4 months											
Source of idea for study:	Own initiative											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?		Need to understand the mechanism of market prices fixation for natural vehicular gas in order to establish the possible factors or variables that affect the price of this fuel.										
Link to report:		http://www.sic.gov.co/drupal/sites/default/files/files/Estudio_Merca do Gas Natural Vehicular.pdf										

Jurisdiction:	Colombia	Range of Possible Outcomes									
Market:	Retail distribution of liquid fuel in Colombia										
End Date:	2013	Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duration:	4 months										
Source of idea for study:	Own initiative										
Outcome (tick relevant columns):											
Reason for study (what were the problems)?		Need to establish and analyse the possible relationship between the wholesale and retail distribution of liquid fuels in Colombia. The document aims to make a diagnosis related to the amount of service stations operating in the country, sales of fuels by the different stakeholders and levels of competition in the market, in general, over the past three years.									
Link to report:		http://www.sic.gov.co/drupal/sites/default/files/files/combustibles_julio_de_2014car.pdf									

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Jurisdiction:	Poland	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	Heat pump distribution											
End Date:	October 2013	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
Duration:	1 year 5 months											
Source of idea for study:	In-house work											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?		Analysis of the market, including its structure and level of concentration.										
Link to report:												

Jurisdiction:	Japan	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	Gasoline											
End Date:	July 2013	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
Duration:	1 year											
Source of idea for study:	- A follow-up of the previous surveys (conducted in 2004 and 2005) - Internal competition concern											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?		There have emerged some changes in competitive environment of gasoline distribution market including significant change in setting method of wholesale prices from primary distributors to retailers.										
Link to report:		(Press release and full report in Japanese) http://www.jftc.go.jp/houdou/pressrelease/h25/jul/130723.html (Press release and summary report in English) http://www.jftc.go.jp/en/pressreleases/yearly-2013/july/130723.html										

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Jurisdiction:	Italy											
Market:	Fuel distribution	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	December 2012	Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duration:	21 months											
Source of idea for study:	The price level of automotive fuel in Italy was considered unfavourable to consumers, compared to the European average.											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	The objective was to assess whether the high price level of automotive fuel was due to critical factors in the fuel distribution market, in the form of tacit or explicit collusion by traditional operators (vertically integrated oil companies).											
Link to report:	http://www.agcm.it/en/newsroom/press-releases/2023-ic44-fuel-distribution-antitrust-a-push-for-price-reductions-and-a-new-competitive-balance-from-more-than-2000-white-pumps-and-82-omd-sales-points.html											

Jurisdiction:	Poland											
Market:	Pellet fuel	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	December 2012	Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duration:	4 months											
Source of idea for study:												
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	Detailed analysis of the market structure and its players.											
Link to report:												

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Jurisdiction:	Spain	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	Market for Road Fuels											
End Date:	October, 2012	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
Duration:	1 year											
Source of idea for study:	Request from the State Secretariat for Economy and Business Support (Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness) (Spanish Parliament)											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Operators with refining capacity have significant market power in the upstream market, as well as in the wholesale and retail segments.Lack of transparency, control and effective regulation over the activities of CLH, the main company in charge of the distribution and storage of road fuels in Spain.Existence of administrative barriers to open new petrol stations.Long term distribution contract between operators and refiners foreclose the market.Price recommendations and asymmetric information further restrict competition.										
Link to report:		http://www.cnmec.es/Portals/0/Ficheros/Promocion/Informes_y_Estudios_Sectoriales/2012/Informe%20carburantes%20SEEA.pdf										

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Jurisdiction:	Spain	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	Market for Road Fuels											
End Date:	July, 2012	Competition Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/>	Consumer Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/>	Consumer Education <input type="checkbox"/>	Business Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Voluntary Business Compliance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Voluntary Business Action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Referral to Third Parties <input type="checkbox"/>	No Problems Found <input type="checkbox"/>
Duration:	1 year											
Source of idea for study:	Follow up on the 2011 study on the Spanish road fuels market. In particular, in the retail market price setting.											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of dynamism in the market • Highly concentrated market • Lack of price setting flexibility in the retail market and asymmetric price transmission compatible with 'rockets and feathers' price phenomenon • Risk of tacit or explicit collusion 											
Link to report:	http://www.cnmec.es/Portals/0/Ficheros/Promocion/Informes_y_Estudios_Sectoriales/2012/Informe%20Distribucion%20de%20Carburantespdf.pdf											

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Jurisdiction:	Portugal	Range of Possible Outcomes									
Market:	Markets for road fuels supplied by service stations located along the different highways in mainland Portugal.										
End Date:	July 2012	Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duration:											
Source of idea for study:	See side text.										
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?		<p>In 2009, electronic panels displaying comparative fuel prices were put in place on the motorways of mainland Portugal. The aim was to boost competition in the sale of fuel on motorways by giving more information to consumers. This was a governmental measure taken as a result of a PCA's Recommendation from 2004, picked up again in the in-depth analysis of liquid fuel and bottled gas in Portugal (a Final Report published in March 2009). This July 2012 Report provides an ex-post analysis of the impact the installation of such electronic panels had on retail price levels, their dispersion, the speed with which the different operators respond to changes in prices by their competitors along the different highways, followed by a general competition appraisal and a summary of the recommendations.</p>									
Link to report:		<p>Unabridged Version in Portuguese: http://www.concorrencia.pt/vPT/Estudos_e_Publicacoes/Estudos_Economicos/Energia_e_Combustiveis/Documents/analise_do_impacto_da_introducao_dos_painéis_de_precos_dos_combustiveis_nas_auto-estradas.pdf Abridged Version in English: http://www.concorrencia.pt/vEN/Estudos_e_Publicacoes/Estudos_Economicos/Energia_e_Combustiveis/Documents/Study_Prices_Motorways_AdC_July_2012.pdf </p>									

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Jurisdiction:	Colombia	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	Access to Pipelines in Colombia											
End Date:	2012	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
Duration:	4 months											
Source of idea for study:	Own initiative											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	Even though this market has been subject to regulations and laws, it is relevant to determine rules that allow for a good functioning of this activity in terms of a healthy competition.											
Link to report:	http://www.sic.gov.co/drupal/masive/datos/estudios%20economicos/Documentos%20%20elaborados%20por%20la%20Delegatura%20de%20Protecci%C3%B3n%20de%20la%20Competencia/2012/Oleoducto%202012.pdf											

Jurisdiction:	Spain	Range of Possible Outcomes									
Market:	Market for Road Fuels										
End Date:	March, 2011	Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duration:	1 year										
Source of idea for study:	Follow up on 2009 study on the same market (given that the market conditions had not substantially improved since then)										
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highly concentrated market. Vertically integrated. Risk of tacit or explicit collusion. • Existence of high entry barriers in the retail segment. • Long term distribution contract between operators and refiners foreclose the market. • High retail prices compared to other EU markets. • Lack of dynamism in the market. 									
Link to report:		http://www.cnmec.es/Portals/0/Ficheros/Promocion/Informes_y_Estudios_Sectoriales/2011/INFORME%20DE%20SEGUIMIENTO%20DEL%20INFORME%20DE%20CARBURANTES%20PARA%20AUTOMOCIÓN%20DE%20LA%20CNC..pdf									

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Jurisdiction:	Germany											
Market:	Retail sale of petrol and diesel	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	2011	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
Duration:												
Source of idea for study:	Complaints by end consumers and from the sector											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	Acquisition of in-depth knowledge of the sector.											
Link to report:	http://www.bundeskartellamt.de/SharedDocs/Publikation/DE/Sektoruntersuchungen/Sektoruntersuchung%20Kraftstoffe%20-%20Abschlussbericht.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=5 (German) http://www.bundeskartellamt.de/SharedDocs/Publikation/EN/Sector%20Inquiries/Fuel%20Sector%20Inquiry%20-%20Final%20Report.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=14 (English)											

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Jurisdiction:	Norway	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	Retail gasoline											
End Date:	2010											
Duration:												
Source of idea for study:	Media and some researchers raised concerns that observed pricing patterns in gasoline prices were caused by collusion	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	<p>In 2008, there was a major media focus on gasoline prices and the observed pricing patterns. Fuel prices rose sharply on Monday afternoons and fell gradually throughout the week, reaching their lowest level during the weekends and Monday mornings. The Authority's investigation of the market revealed no indication that the weekly price pattern in the fuel market was due to collusion among fuel chains or among retailers.</p> <p>Nevertheless, the Competition Authority launched a comprehensive investigation into the competition situation in the fuel market. The work was based on data collected from the Norwegian fuel chains in late 2008. The objective was to increase the Authority's knowledge about the market. The analysis was published in autumn 2010.</p> <p>An important finding of the analysis is that the conditions that would normally be expected to influence the intensity of competition in the market, and thus the price level, do indeed have an effect. The research shows that not only is national concentration important for competition in the fuel market, but also that competition in small local areas can be an important factor.</p> <p>Following the report, the Competition Authority has continued to closely monitor the price and competition developments in this market.</p>											
Link to report:	Please contact the NCA to obtain report											

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Jurisdiction:	Korea											
Market:	Petroleum industry	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	September 2009	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
Duration:	One and a half years											
Source of idea for study:	National Assembly, Media, Consumer interest group											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		√	□	□	□	√	√	□	√	□	□	□
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	By analyzing the market structure, nature of competition, institutions regarding the relevant industry, the KFTC tried to find out anti-competitive factors and implications on competition law area to use as fundamentals for establishing desirable competitive market structure in the future.											
Link to report:												

Jurisdiction:	Spain	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	Automotive fuel sector											
End Date:	September 2009	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
Duration:												
Source of idea for study:	Own initiative <u>Study:</u> Report on Competition in the Automotive Fuel Sector.											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	The automotive fuel sector, heavily affected by the process of privatisation and deregulation during the 1990s, has structural deficiencies (excessive concentration, high degree of vertical integration and sector entry barriers, among others) which constrain competition and help spawn collusive behaviour. The report makes proposals in order to introduce greater competition in the sector.											
Link to report:	http://www.cnmc.es/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=9fzFrgGNYHo%3d&portalid=0&language=es-ES											

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Jurisdiction:	Portugal	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	Liquid road fuels and bottled gas											
End Date:	31 March 2009	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
Duration:	11 months											
Source of idea for study:	Request from the Minister of Economy and Innovation											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?		It was observed that retail fuel prices did not adequately reflect changes in crude prices.										
Link to report:												

Jurisdiction:	Greece	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	Petroleum Products											
End Date:	November 2008	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
Duration:	8 months											
Source of idea for study:	In 2008 HCC re-investigated the competition conditions in the oil sector under the provisions of Article 5 of the Hellenic Competition Act (Second round).											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	✓	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?		a) Re-examination of the oil industry by the HCC. b) Assessment by the HCC in what extent the conditions of effective competition have been restored or in what extent it is necessary to modify the behavioural measures it has taken.										
Link to report:		http://www.epant.gr/img/x2/apofaseis/apofaseis530_1_1229941955.pdf										

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Jurisdiction:	Estonia											
Market:	Retail Market for Motor Fuel	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	End of 2008	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
Duration:	2005-2007											
Source of idea for study:	Publicly available information											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	Motor fuel price fluctuation process on the world and national markets.											
Link to report:												

Jurisdiction:	Turkey											
Market:	Gasoline	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	October 2008	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
Duration:	2 months											
Source of idea for study:	Internal											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	<p>Monopoly price fixing and geographic market sharing suspected.</p> <p>Increase in gasoline prices by about 7-10% per year; dynamics of domestic prices did not coincide with that of international prices – under the conditions of the global crisis the domestic prices decreased only by about 5%, i.e. much less than international oil prices.</p>											
Link to report:												

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Jurisdiction:	Estonia											
Market:	Wholesale Market for Motor Fuel	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:		Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
Duration:	2006-2007											
Source of idea for study:	Publicly available information and information from market participants											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	To study the competition situation on the market.											
Link to report:												

Jurisdiction:	US - FTC											
Market:	Gasoline	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	August 2007	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
Duration:	15 months											
Source of idea for study:	Congress											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	This study was a congressionally-mandated study of factors underlying the spring and summer 2006 gasoline price increases.											
Link to report:	https://www.ftc.gov/reports/federal-trade-commission-report-springsummer-2006-nationwide-gasoline-price-increases											

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Jurisdiction:	Honduras	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	Fuels from Petroleum											
End Date:	May 2007											
Duration:	5 months											
Source of idea for study:	Internal	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	Importance of fuels from petroleum to the economy. To gather empirical evidence of competition.											
Link to report:												

Jurisdiction:	Greece	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	Refining, wholesaling and retailing											
End Date:	March 2007	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
Duration:	7 months											
Source of idea for study:	Hellenic Competition Commission (HCC) upon request of the Minister of Development in 2006 and under the provisions of Article 5 of the Greek Competition Act examined the competition conditions of the oil sector in Greece (First Round).											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?		a) Gasoline price hikes in the Greek territory. b) Lack of effective competition in all of the three market segments. c) Pump price asymmetry.										
Link to report:		http://www.epant.gr/img/x2/apofaseis/apofaseis460_1_1194510571.pdf										

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Jurisdiction:	Estonia											
Market:	Wholesale Market for Oil-shale Oil	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	End of 2006	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
Duration:	2006											
Source of idea for study:	Publicly available information and information from market participants											
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Reason for study (what were the problems)?	Increase in the price of oil-shale oil.											
Link to report:												

Jurisdiction:	UK											
Market:	Domestic Bulk Liquid Petroleum Gas	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	June 2006	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
Duration:	2 years											
Source of idea for study:	Referred to the CC by the OFT under section 131 of the Enterprise Act 2002											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	<p>Practice of uplifting and replacing tanks when a customer switches supplier (increases charges and inconvenience of switching).</p> <p>Lack of information available to customers on the costs and benefits of switching and of the level of inconvenience involved.</p> <p>Imposition of contractual restrictions on switching.</p> <p>Limited ability of suppliers to identify and target marketing efforts on each other's customers.</p>											
Link to report:												

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Jurisdiction:	US - FTC											
Market:	Gasoline	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	May 2006	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
Duration:	9 months											
Source of idea for study:	Congress											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	This study was a congressionally-mandated investigation into gasoline price manipulation and post-Katrina gasoline price increases.											
Link to report:	https://www.ftc.gov/reports/federal-trade-commission-investigation-gasoline-price-manipulation-post-katrina-gasoline											