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首宗不遵從競委會調查權力的刑事案件。被告罪名成立 First criminal conviction for non-compliance with Commission's investigation powers

就本港首宗不遵從競爭事務委員會(競委會)調查權力而遭刑事檢控的案件,被告因 處置及隱藏文件,違反《競爭條例》 (《條例》) 第53(1)(a)條,被裁定罪名成立,入 獄兩個月。被告獲准保釋等候上訴。

本案源於競委會就淸潔服務公司懷疑合謀定價所展開的調查。在競委會搜查涉案公司 的辦公室期間,被告作爲其中一間淸潔公司的員工,意圖刪除可能與調查相關的五份 文件及多個電腦連結,競委會遂將個案轉交香港警務處作刑事調查。

詳情見新聞稿

An individual was convicted in Hong Kong's first-ever criminal case for non-compliance with the Competition Commission's (Commission) investigation powers. The individual was found guilty of disposing of and concealing documents, in contravention of Section 53(1)(a) of the Competition Ordinance (Ordinance), and was sentenced to two months' imprisonment. The defendant was granted bail pending her appeal.

The case originated from an investigation carried out by the Commission into a suspected price-fixing cartel among cleansing service companies. During the Commission's search at the



offices of the companies involved, the defendant, an employee of one of the cleansing companies, attempted to delete five documents and a number of computer links that were potentially relevant to the Commission's investigation. The Commission subsequently referred the case to the Hong Kong Police Force for criminal investigation.

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清潔服務合謀案全面解決 共涉 2,200 萬港元罰款 三人取消董事資格

Cleansing services cartel case concluded with HK\$22 million penalties and three director disqualification orders imposed

競爭事務審裁處(審裁處)就涉及淸潔服務的合謀案件,向民順淸潔有限公司(民 順)及其董事鄭學權先生發出命令,包括民順及鄭先生須合共支付1,131萬港元罰款, 以及向鄭先生發出爲期 24 個月的取消董事資格令。民順及鄭先生亦須支付競委會的訟 費及/或調查費用。

審裁處發出的命令,標誌著競委會向本案所有答辯人展開的訴訟圓滿結束。連同審裁處早前向其他答辯人發出的命令,整案罰款合共 2,229 萬港元,及三人被取消董事資格,爲期 24 個月。

競委會於 2021 年 12 月入稟審裁處,向香港工商清潔服務有限公司(香港工商)、民順 及兩間公司的三名董事展開訴訟,指香港工商及民順就提交予房屋委員會(房委會)的 17 份標書交換商業敏感資料,構成合謀定價。有關的招標項目涉及在公共屋邨及房委 會所管理的其他大廈提供清潔服務,合約總額約 1.8 億港元。

詳情見新聞稿



The Competition Tribunal (Tribunal) granted orders in a cleansing services cartel case against Man Shun Hong Kong & Kln Cleaning Company Limited (MS) and its director Mr Cheng Hok Kuen, which include a pecuniary penalty of HK\$11.31 million against MS and Mr Cheng, and a director disqualification order of 24 months against Mr Cheng. Both of them will also be required to pay the Commission's legal and/or investigation costs.

The granting of the orders marked the end of the Commission's legal proceedings against all respondents in the case. Alongside orders granted against other respondents earlier, the resolution of the whole case resulted in total penalties of HK\$22.29 million and director disqualification orders against three persons for 24 months.

The Commission commenced proceedings in the Tribunal against Hong Kong Commercial Cleaning Services Limited (HKC), MS and their three directors in December 2021, alleging that HKC and MS exchanged commercially sensitive information, which constitutes price fixing, when bidding for 17 tenders submitted to the Housing Authority (HA). These tenders, which were submitted to provide cleansing services in public housing estates and other HAmanaged buildings, involved contracts worth around HK\$180 million.

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香港競爭集思匯 2025 圓滿結束

Hong Kong Competition Exchange 2025 wraps up on a high note

競委會於 2 月 25 至 26 日成功舉辦旗艦國際會議——「香港競爭集思匯 2025」。逾 400 名來自全球各地的商界、法律界、政府部門及學術機構的代表,以及競爭執法機構人員聚首一堂,交流觀點與見解。

會議共設八個專題小組,涵蓋多個熱門議題,包括香港支柱產業(航空、金融、科技及綠色轉型)的競爭與創新、中國《反壟斷法》的最新發展,以及調查和審理涉及創新市場案件的挑戰。30 多位來自 14 個司法管轄區的傑出講者,從本地和國際視角,分享他們的真知灼見。

商務及經濟發展局局長丘應樺先生在開幕典禮上表示,作爲全球最自由的經濟體,公平競爭的營商環境是香港賴以成功的重要因素之一,並代表特區政府感謝競委會多年來努力不懈爲香港建構健全的競爭規管制度。競委會主席陳家殷先生在致開幕辭時強調,香港擔當著連接東西方的獨特角色,並提到香港經濟成功是建基於企業以自身實力發展並適應市場變化,而非保護它們免於競爭。

是次會議亦是競委會慶祝香港《競爭條例》全面生效十周年的活動之一。

詳情見新聞稿



On 25-26 February, the Commission hosted its flagship international conference "Hong Kong Competition Exchange 2025". The event has gathered over 400 representatives from the business sector, legal profession, government departments, academia, and competition enforcement agencies to exchange insights and perspectives.

Featuring eight panel sessions, the conference explored topics including competition and innovation in Hong Kong's pillar business sectors (aviation, finance, technology and green transition), updates of China's Anti-Monopoly Law and challenges in investigating and adjudicating cases in innovation-driven markets. Over 30 distinguished speakers from 14 jurisdictions shared their views from both local and international perspectives.

Officiating at the opening ceremony, Mr Algernon Yau, Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development said that, being the freest economy in the world, a level playing field for business is one of the important ingredients contributing to Hong Kong's success. He also expressed the Government's appreciation for the Commission's relentless efforts over the years in establishing a robust competition regime for Hong Kong. Chairman of the Commission, Mr Samuel Chan, emphasised in his opening remarks Hong Kong's unique role as a connector between East and West, adding that its economic success stems from allowing businesses to thrive or adapt based on their own merits, rather than shielding them from competition.

The conference was also one of the Commission's initiatives to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the full implementation of the Competition Ordinance in Hong Kong.

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競委會推出全新網站 助中小企遵守競爭法

Commission launches new website to help SMEs with competition compliance



競委會推出了全新的「中小型企業競爭法合規資訊站」(資訊站),協助企業輕鬆掌握《條例》重點,減低違法風險。

競委會早前委託獨立研究公司進行意見調查,結果顯示,雖然 81% 企業對《條例》有基本認知,並知悉競委會曾處理的個案,但在深入了解競爭法及合規工作方面,仍有改進空間。其中,僅有不足四分一受訪中小企有制定競爭法的合規計劃或相關培訓。

有見及此,競委會特別設計並推出這個一站式資訊站,為中小企提供全方位競爭法資訊及實用工具,包括風險評估工具及合規計劃範本,協助它們制定切合自身需要的合規計劃。

中小企及公眾人士可登入sme.compcomm.hk瀏覽。競委會亦將推出多項活動,以支援企業推行競爭法合規計劃,敬請留意。

詳情見新聞稿

The Commission has launched the "Small and Medium Enterprises Competition Compliance Hub" (SME Hub), a brand new website designed to help SMEs grasp the key aspects of the Ordinance with ease and minimise their risk of contraventions.

The initiative followed a survey conducted by an independent research agency, which revealed that while 81% of the companies surveyed had some basic knowledge about the Ordinance and the cases handled by the Commission, there remains room for deepening understanding of the law and strengthening the compliance efforts undertaken by businesses. In fact, only less than a quarter of the SMEs surveyed had put specific measures in place to ensure compliance and/or provided related training to their staff in that regard.

The SME Hub serves as a one-stop platform, offering not only comprehensive information about the Ordinance, but also practical tools for risk assessment and a template Competition Compliance Programme to assist SMEs in developing their own compliance programmes.

SMEs and members of the public can visit sme.compcomm.hk to access the Hub. The Commission will also be rolling out more activities to support SMEs in implementing their internal competition compliance programmes. Stay tuned!

競委會與內地及海外競爭法機構加強合作

Commission enhances collaboration with Mainland and overseas counterparts

拜訪北京市場監管總局

2025年1月,主席陳家殷先生及行政總裁畢仲明先生率領競委會代表團前往北京,拜訪國家市場監督管理總局。

期間,雙方分享了各自在執法及倡導工作的最新情況,並就如何携手推動粤港澳大灣區的競爭法及相關政策交換意見。

2025 馬尼拉發展中國家競爭論壇

競委會應菲律賓競爭委員會邀請,於 2 月參加了 2025 馬尼拉發展中國家競爭論壇。是 次活動爲亞太區的競爭法機構提供了一個知識交流及能力建設的平台。

在關於漁業的專題討論中,行政總裁畢仲明先生分享了競委會的執法經驗,重點介紹了與香港警務處及入境事務處等機構,在本港一個魚類批發市場所展開的聯合行動。

Visit to SAMR in Beijing

A delegation of the Commission led by Chairman Mr Samuel Chan and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Mr Rasul Butt paid a visit to the State Administration for Market Regulation (SAMR) in Beijing in January 2025.

During the visit, both sides shared updates on their respective enforcement and advocacy work, and exchanged ideas on how to collaboratively promote competition law and policy in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

2025 Manila Forum on Competition in Developing Countries

At the invitation of the Philippine Competition Commission, the Commission participated in the 2025 Manila Forum on Competition in Developing Countries in February. The event provided a platform for knowledge exchange and capacity building among competition agencies in the Asia-Pacific region.

Speaking at a panel on the fishing industry, CEO Mr Butt shared the Commission's enforcement experience, highlighting its joint operations with the Hong Kong Police Force, the Immigration Department and other public authorities targeting a local wholesale fish market.



競委會積極接觸各界持份者

Commission proactively engages with local stakeholders

爲證監會舉行競爭法及相關政策培訓

競委會應證券及期貨事務監察委員會(證監會)邀請,在2025年1月15日向該會人員提供競爭法及相關政策的培訓。是次培訓有約60名證監會人員出席,內容聚焦於如何辨識金融服務業中,有違反競爭法風險的行為。

培訓探討了一系列不法行為,當中的重點為交換商業敏感資料的行為,並透過相關案例作分析。

其他本地宣傳活動

期內,競委會舉辦了一場大型網上講座及三場學校工作坊,向 1,700 多名來自不同界別的持份者介紹《條例》。

另外,競委會亦出席了九場專爲地產代理、物業管理、學術機構及中小企等界別而設的簡報會。

下一場《競爭條例》網上講座*(以廣東話進行)* 將於 2025 年 7 月 9 日舉行,請<u>按此</u>登記。



Competition law and policy training for SFC

On 15 January 2025, at the invitation of the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC), the Commission delivered training on competition law and policy to the staff members of the SFC. This training session, attended by around 60 SFC officials, focused on identifying the forms of conduct in the financial services sector that risk breaching the Ordinance.

Whilst a range of unlawful practices were discussed during the session, the primary emphasis was on the sharing of commercially sensitive information. Relevant case studies were analysed at the session.

Other local engagements

During the period, the Commission organised one large-scale webinar and three school workshops, introducing the Ordinance to over 1,700 stakeholders from different sectors.

The Commission also delivered presentations at nine briefings tailored for specific sectors, including estate agencies, property management, academic institutions and SMEs.

The next webinar on the Ordinance (in Cantonese) will be held on **9 July 2025**. Register <u>HERE</u>.

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