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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

Turan University, 16a Satpayev Str. White Hall

09.00 – 14.00

DIALOGUE ON THE TOPIC "ANTIMONOPOLY REGULATION OF CROSS-BORDER MARKETS IN THE CONDITIONS OF COMMON MARKETS FOR ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING SERVICES OF THE EAEU COUNTRIES"

The event will be organized by the professional community of accountants and auditors of the EAEU countries with the participation of the Eurasian Economic Commission. With the support of the Eurasian Antimonopoly Forum and the National Chamber of Entrepreneurs of the Republic of Kazakhstan "Atameken". The event is of practical importance for accountants and auditors in connection with the launch of the single markets for accounting and auditing services in the EAEU.

Key issues:

- Normative and practical problems of regulating the markets for accounting and auditing services
- Issues of unfair competition in the field of education and certification of accountants and auditors
- Creation of restrictions when choosing providers of accounting and auditing services
- Determination of criteria for cross-border markets when determining the EEC

Representatives of the professional community of accountants and auditors are invited to participate. Entrance for Forum participants (according to the lists) is free.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

Ballroom Foyer

9:00 - 9:30 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS. WELCOME COFFEE BREAK

Ballroom

9:30 - 10:40 SESSION 1

CURRENT PROBLEMS OF COMPETITION DEVELOPMENT IN THE EURASIAN REGION. THE ROLE OF THE STATE IN THE ECONOMY

Optimization of State Participation in the Economy is one of the important directions of competition development in the CIS and Eurasian Economic Union. Is it timely, given the geopolitical situation, to reduce state participation and the limits of this reduction? What measures to denationalize the economy and create a level playing field for all market players are the most effective in different countries? What role is assigned to antimonopoly authorities in the process of denationalization of the economy? The tasks of demonopolization as well as improvement of competition law and modern trends in competition protection will be discussed by the heads of antimonopoly regulators of Eurasian countries, experts and businessmen

Key issues:

- Modern trends of competition protection
- Improvement of the competition law
- State support to entrepreneurship
- Demonopolization
- Yellow Pages Rules as an instrument of reducing the state in the economy
- Problems of asset transfer in a competitive environment
- Optimization of the list of activities for the quasi-public sector
- Impact of antitrust regulation on the investment climate

Plenary session. Speakers' presentations**Moderator****Nikolay Radostovets**

Executive Director of Association of Legal Entities “Republican Association of Mining and Metallurgical Enterprises”

President of “Union of Commodity Producers and Exporters of Kazakhstan”

Dr. of Economics

Panelists:**Marat Omarov**

Chairman of the Agency for Protection and Development of Competition of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Bakhyt Sultanov

Member of the Board – Minister in charge of Competition and Antitrust Regulation of the Eurasian Economic Commission (online)

Maksat Kikimov

First Deputy Head of National Chamber of Entrepreneurs of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Andrey Tsyganov

Deputy Head of the FAS Russia

Ph.D. in Economics

David Knight

Lead Country Economist and Program Leader for Equitable Growth, Finance and Institutions in Central Asia
The World Bank

Alexey Ivanov

Director of the International BRICS Competition Law and Policy Centre

Director of the HSE–Skolkovo Institute for Law and Development (Russia)

10:40 - 11:00 PRESENTATION BY EURASIAN ALLIANCE OF ANTITRUST EXPERTS

Ballroom Foyer

11:00 - 11:20 COFFEE BREAK

Ballroom

11:20 - 13.00 SESSION 2

SPECIFICS OF REVIEW OF DISPUTES RELATED TO THE VIOLATION OF ANTITRUST LAW

Consideration of disputes on violation of antitrust laws is difficult for courts of all instances and jurisdictions. The difficulty is the need for the judges to examine and evaluate the validity of economic documents (the results of the analysis of the state of competition, the definition of monopolistically high (low) price, economic calculations submitted by a market participant, etc.). The problems are also related to the preparation by the subjects of the market of the evidentiary basis, confirming the absence of violation of the legislation. The judicial corps and practicing experts in the field of antitrust regulation permanently think about the ways to ensure the validity of court decisions in antitrust cases

Key Issues:

- Procedures for detecting violations of competition law
- The impact of legal positions taken by the courts of the Eurasian region on law enforcement
- The problems of proof in reviewing cases of violations of
- Problems of Proof in Cases of Antitrust Law Violations
- The role of expertise in antitrust disputes
- Difficulties with appeals against certain acts and actions of antimonopoly authorities

Joint discussion of the problematic issues of law enforcement

Moderator

Askar Kishkembraev

Head of the Department for Government Relations of Kcell JSC
Member of the Board of Eurasian Alliance of Antimonopoly Experts
Dr. of Law (Kazakhstan)

Panelists:

Venera Seitimova

Judge of the Court of the Eurasian Economic Union
Ph.D. in Law

Sholpan Daniyarova

Judge of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Madeniet Omarbekova

Judge of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Ph.D. in Law

Nurzhan Urankhayev

Head of Almaty Department of the Agency for Protection and Development of Competition of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Anton Teslenko

Head of Fiscal Control Department of FAS Russia
Ph.D. in Economics

Murat Ospanov

Acting Director of the Department on Competition Development and Tariff Setting of the National Chamber of Entrepreneurs of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Elena Dobriyan

Vice-President of Competition Protection Center JSC (Kazakhstan)
Member of the Board of Eurasian Alliance of Antimonopoly Experts

Asia Cafe

13:00 - 14:00 LUNCH

Ballroom

14:00 - 15:30 SESSION 3

PRACTICAL MEASURES TO PREVENT AND REDUCE ANTIMONOPOLY RISKS

Anti-monopoly compliance measures as a systemic tool to reduce antitrust risks have been widely introduced in the system of regulatory provisions and methodological recommendations in the EAEC countries. However, they are not always comprehensible for businesses, and the need to integrate compliance into companies' management systems and to obtain the regulator's approval raises disputes. How do regulators view anti-monopoly compliance and how ready are they to support the development of this institution? Practical problems and unsolved issues of antimonopoly risk reduction will be discussed by the representatives of antimonopoly authorities, consulting companies and market players

Key Issues:

- Procedure for implementation of antimonopoly compliance
- Commercial Policy as a Systemic Element of Antimonopoly Compliance
- antimonopoly compliance. The main approaches to its development and contents.
- Coordination of a compliance act with the anti-monopoly authority
- Evaluation of the effectiveness of antimonopoly compliance
- Reduction of liability subject to the compliance system
- Notification as a way to reduce antitrust risks

Moderated discussion**Moderator****Aliya Jumabayeva**

Director of Regulatory Advisory LLP
Member of the Board of Eurasian Alliance of Antimonopoly Experts (Kazakhstan)

Panelists:**Zhanar Adikova**

Director of the Department for Competition and Public Procurement Policy
of the Eurasian Economic Commission

Oksana Kuznetsova

Head of the Office for Interaction with Territorial Agencies and Coordination
of Competition Development Projects of FAS Russia

Aldash Aitzhanov

President of Competition Protection Center JSC
Chairman of the board of Eurasian Alliance of Antimonopoly Experts
Ph.D. in Economics (Kazakhstan)

Vitaly Dianov

Member of the Board Council of the Antitrust Experts Association
Ph.D. in Law (Russia)

Natalia Korosteleva

Partner, Head of Competition Law Practice, EPAM Law Offices (Russia)

Anna Kornilova

Head of competition practice of international firm Kinstellar
Member of the Board of Eurasian Alliance of Antimonopoly Experts (Kazakhstan)

Ballroom Foyer

15:30 - 15:50 COFFEE BREAK

Ballroom

15:50 - 17:00 SESSION 4

PRICING OF DOMINANT COMPANIES IN THE MODERN WORLD: CHALLENGES FOR ANTITRUST REGULATION

Dominant or monopolistic market position as a general rule is not a violation of law. Abuse of one's position can be manifested by entities in terms of pricing. The establishment of monopolistically high (low) prices, violation of the order of pricing, unjustified price discrimination are the most common violations of the antimonopoly legislation in the post-Soviet area. In its turn a lot of questions and misunderstanding arise with regard to methodology of calculation and selection of approaches to determination of monopolistically high (low) price by the antimonopoly body. The questions of variability of pricing methods, including dynamic or drop-by-drop methods, the limits of their application by dominant companies and the limits of non-compliance with the antimonopoly legislation will be discussed at the session

Key Issues:

- Trends in pricing, modern methods and the limits of admissibility of their use by dominant companies
- Approaches of competition authorities to the recognition and proof of dominant abuse in the form of monopolistically high prices or price discrimination
- Issues of "extraterritoriality" of pricing and application of the antimonopoly legislation
- Liability of the dominant for abuse of dominant position in the form of monopolistically high prices or price discrimination

Speakers' presentations**Moderators****Viorica Carare**

Professor of the Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova
Member of the Board of Eurasian Alliance of Antimonopoly Experts (Moldova)
Dr. of Economics. Ph.D. in Law

Aleksey Sushkevich

Director of the Department for Antitrust Regulation of the Eurasian Economic Commission.
Ph.D. in Economics (Russia)

Panelists:**Anatoly Golomolzin**

Adviser to the President of the PJSC TransContainer and Delo Group on antitrust issues
Ph.D. in Technical Sciences (Russia)

Evgeny Khokhlov

Partner Antitrust Advisory (Russia)

Evgeny Bolshakov

Partner, Competition Law Practice, EPAM Law Offices (Russia)

Yaroslav Kulik

Managing Partner of Kulik & Partners Law. Economics (Russia)

Yelena Bychkova

Adviser to the Chairman of Digital Kazakhstan Association

Member of the Board of Eurasian Alliance of Antimonopoly Experts

Ph.D. in Law (Kazakhstan)

Irina Knyazeva

Head of the Research Center for Competition policy and economics at the Siberian institute of management – the Russian Presidential academy RANEPA

Member of the Board of Eurasian Alliance of Antimonopoly Experts

Doctor of Economics (Russia)

Ballroom

19.30-22.30 GALA DINNER. Dress code cocktail

FRIDAY, APRIL 21**Abay Hall, M floor**

10.30-12.30 ROUND TABLE "Problems of development and protection of competition in the agricultural markets".

Participants of the roundtable will present and discuss the results of the latest market analyses in the agricultural sector of the EAEC member states and BRICS countries, exchange positive experiences in identifying signs of violations of antitrust laws, discuss the development and protection of competition in the markets of agricultural products and seed production, breeding; issues of market monopolization; transboundary; availability and removal of barriers to market entry; activities of food chains and problems of their regulation.

Participants:

Representatives of the Block on Competition and the Block on Agriculture of the Eurasian Economic Commission. Antimonopoly agencies. Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan. NPP "Atameken". Representatives of major international producers of seeds and fertilizers. Experts, scientists and university professors

Leads:**Aleksey Sushkevich**

Director of the Department for Antitrust Regulation of the Eurasian Economic Commission

Ph.D. in Economics (Russia)

Larissa Vovkivskaya

Head of the Control Department of the Agro-Industrial Complex of the FAS Russia

Ayman Telegenova

Head of the Department of Seed Production and Variety Testing of the Department of Agriculture of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Alexey Ivanov

Director of the International BRICS Competition Law and Policy Centre
Director of the HSE–Skolkovo Institute for Law and Development (Russia)

Damira Aytmukhanbetova

Associate Professor of the Department of Management and Organization of Agribusiness named after Kh.D. Churin Kazakh National Agrarian Research University
Ph.D. in Economics

Galiya Akimbekova

Deputy Director for Science of the Kazakh Research Institute of Economics of the Agro-Industrial Complex and Rural Development. Professor. Doctor of Economics

Bakyt Aynebekova

Head of the laboratory of grain crops of the Kazakh Research Institute of Agriculture and Crop Production
Ph.D. in Agricultural Sciences

Darya Kotova

Expert of the International BRICS Competition Law and Policy Centre (Russia)

Abylai Khan Hall, M floor**9.30-12.30 BUSINESS TRAINING/CASE STUDY**

Antimonopoly authorities and practicing lawyers will conduct a practical session for the market participants on building a strategy of interaction with the antimonopoly authorities. Participants will have the opportunity to practice identifying their risks and developing measures to reduce and/or eliminate them

Moderator**Aldash Aitzhanov**

President of Competition Protection Center JSC
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Foyer in front of Abay and Abylai Khan halls

11.00-11.20 COFFEE BREAK

Asia Café

12.30-13.15 LUNCH

14.00-17.30 Tour to Kok-Tobe Mountain

<https://kazakhstan.travel/tourist-spot/ru/204/kok-tobe-tv-tower-and-recreation-area>

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