

PREFACE

The impact of European Competition Law in the globalised world is universal, as has been experienced, inter alia, by Microsoft or Intel Corp. The Commission's and European Courts' jurisdiction extends not only to undertakings incorporated in EU Member States, but also to undertakings of any nationality whose business affects the internal market in the EU.

Surprisingly for its wide impact, the legal foundations for European Competition Law are modest; only nine Articles in the Treaty of the Functioning of the European Union deal with this field of law, however, further powers and legal details of the application of these Articles are shaped largely by case law. This book is intended to provide guidance in navigating both the huge body of jurisprudence comprised of cases heard before the European Courts as well as decisions issued by the Commission. It aims to present in a clear and concise manner a full range of European Competition Law topics: Cartels, Antitrust, Merger Control, State Aid and Public Procurement.

This book examines the theoretical bases of European Competition Law and discusses the application of those concepts in cases which have been investigated by the Commission and heard before the European Courts. Our aim is to offer practitioners as well as legal students a useful overview of the field of European Competition law (in particular without getting bogged down in excessive detail) which will improve the reader's knowledge of both the theory and practice of this area of law.

The authors comprise a tenured Professor of law who is specialised in European Law and is the academic director of MERNI (Master of European Regulation of Network Industries) at Bonn University, a German lawyer and a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales. This 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 pleading before the General Court and Court of Justice, the authors are well placed to analyse European Competition Law and policy.

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