

**COMPETITION LAW MEASURES AVAILABLE TO CARICOM SINGLE MARKET AND ECONOMY (CSME) MEMBER STATES  
DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC (AS AT MAY 2020)**

COMPETITION LEGISLATION	CSME MEMBER STATES				
	Jamaica	Trinidad & Tobago	Barbados	Guyana	Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, Saint Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Suriname
<b>Horizontal agreements between competitors</b>	Sections 17 & 18 of the <b>Fair Competition Act</b> - which allows the competition authority to challenge horizontal agreements that substantially lessen competition. Note as well that the competition authority has adopted a policy of temporarily allowing cooperation arrangements (except for price fixing agreements) necessary for the supply and distribution of products to prevent shortage of essential products.	Sections 17 & 18 of the <b>Fair Trading Act</b> - which allows the competition authority to challenge horizontal agreements that prevent, restrict, or distort competition.	Section 13, 14 & 15 of the <b>Fair Competition Act</b> - which allows the competition authority to challenge horizontal agreements that disrupt or distort competition.	Sections 20, 21 & 22 of the <b>Competition &amp; Fair Trading Act</b> - which allows the competition authority to challenge horizontal agreements that prevent, restrict, or distort competition.	No competition legislation enacted in these Member States
<b>Abusive market conduct</b>	Sections 19, 20 & 21 of the <b>Fair Competition Act</b> - which allows the competition authority to challenge abuses by dominant firms.	Sections 21, 22 & 23 of the <b>Fair Trading Act</b> - which allows the competition authority to challenge abuses by dominant firms.	Sections 16, 17 & 18 of the <b>Fair Competition Act</b> - which allows the competition authority to challenge abuses by dominant firms.	Sections 23, 24 & 25 of the <b>Competition &amp; Fair Trading Act</b> - which allows the competition authority to challenge abuses by dominant firms.	No competition legislation enacted in these Member States

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<b>Mergers, acquisitions &amp; joint ventures</b>	The competition authority continues to monitor mergers, acquisitions & joint ventures under section 17 of the Fair Competition Act for potential effects on competition.	<b>Sections 13 &amp; 14 of the Fair Trading Act</b> - which allows the competition authority to review and control mergers, acquisitions, and joint ventures for competition effects.	<b>Sections 20, 21 &amp; 22 of the Fair Competition Act</b> - which allows the competition authority to review and control mergers, acquisitions, and joint ventures for competition effects.	No formal merger review and control regime.	No competition legislation enacted in these Member States
<b>Sectoral exemptions</b>	No specific economic sector has been exempted under the Fair Competition Act.	Exemptions for the Telecommunications and Banking & Finance economic sectors.	No specific economic sector has been exempted under the Fair Competition Act.	No specific economic sector has been exempted under the Competition & Fair Trading Act.	No competition legislation enacted in these Member States