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Consumer Law and Economics Kluwer Law International B.V.
 The book deals with a difficult subject with an assured touch and will be a valuable text for postgraduate students, policy-makers and practitioners. European Intellectual Property Review This is the first ever book that addresses the important issue of the competition law, intellectual property and trade interface in a developing world context. The book's unique contribution is a set of comparative case studies on this complex interface. D. Daniel Sokol, University of Florida Levin College of Law, US The book investigates competition law and international technology transfer in the light of the TRIPS Agreement and the experience of both developed and developing countries. On that basis, it draws relevant implications for developing countries. Tu Thanh Nguyen argues that technology transfer-related competition law should be globalized appropriately for the needs of local contexts, while intellectual property rights (IPR) are globalized. The book reveals that developing countries, according to the TRIPS Agreement, have

the right to use domestic competition law to promote access to technology in order to protect national interests and consumer welfare. However, competition law is antitrust. It is neither anti-IPR nor anti-trade. The author finds that developing countries with limited competition law resources should set realistic priorities for the control of technology transfer-related anti-competitive practices. They can reasonably apply and adapt relevant regulations, decisions and judgments from developed country jurisdictions to their own circumstances. Competition Law, Technology Transfer and the TRIPS Agreement is a timely resource for postgraduate students, practitioners, and scholars in international competition law, IPR, and technology transfer. Policymakers in the field of technology transfer-related competition law/policy, especially in developing countries, will also find this book invaluable.

In Search of Economic Justice Springer

The assumption that competition law and consumer protection are mutually reinforcing is rarely challenged. The theory seems uncontroversial. However, because a positive interaction between the two is presumed to be self-evident, the frequent conflicts that do in fact arise are often dealt with on an ad hoc basis, with no overarching legal authority. There is a clear need for a detailed and coherent understanding of exactly where the complements and tensions between the two policy areas exist. Dr Cseres in-depth analysis provides that understanding. Proceeding from the dual

perspective of law and economics that is, of justice, fairness, and reasonableness on the one hand, and of efficiency of the other she fully considers such underlying issues as the following: the role of competition law and consumer law in a free market economy; the notion of consumer welfare; the effect of the modernisation of EC competition law for consumers; economics theories of information, bounded rationality, and transaction costs; the special significance of vertical agreements and merger control; and, how consumers are affected by information asymmetries. The ultimate focus of the book is on current and emerging EC law, in which a rapprochement between the two areas seems to be under way. Dr. Cseres provides a knowledgeable guide to the various strands of theory, policy, and jurisprudence that (she shows) ought to be taken into account in the process, including schools of thought and law and policy experience in both Europe and the United States. A special chapter on Hungary, where post-1989 law and practice reveal a fresh and distinctly forward-looking understanding of the matter, is one of the book's most extraordinary features. Competition Law and Consumer Protection stands alone as a committed contribution to bridging a gap in legal knowledge the significance of which grows daily. It will be of immeasurable value to a wide range of professionals from academics and researchers to officials, policymakers, and practitioners in competition law, consumer protection advocacy, economic theory and planning, business administration, and various pertinent government authorities.

Bridging the Divide? Theories for Integrating Competition Law and Consumer Protection Springer

Although it is commonly assumed that consumers benefit from the application of competition law, this is not necessarily always the case. Economic efficiency is paramount; thus, competition law in Europe and antitrust law in the United States are designed primarily to protect business competitors (and in Europe to promote market integration), and it is only incidentally that such law may also serve to protect consumers. That is the essential starting point of this penetrating critique. The author explores the extent to which US antitrust law and EC competition law adequately safeguard consumer interests. Specifically, he shows how the two jurisdictions have gone about evaluating collusive practices, abusive conduct by dominant firms and merger activity, and how the policies thus formed have impacted upon the promotion of consumer interests. He argues that unless consumer interests are directly and specifically addressed in the assessment process, maximization of consumer welfare is not sufficiently achieved. Using rigorous analysis he develops legal arguments that can accomplish such goals as the following: replace the economic theory of 'consumer welfare' with a principle of consumer well-being; build consumer benefits into specific areas of competition policy; assess competition cases so that income distribution effects are more beneficial to consumers; and control mergers in such a way that efficiencies are passed directly to consumers. The author argues that, in the last analysis, the promotion of consumer well-being should be the sole or at least the primary goal of any antitrust regime. Lawyers and scholars interested in the application and development and reform of competition law and policy will welcome this book. They will find not only a fresh approach to interpretation and practice in their field - comparing and contrasting two major systems of competition law - but also an extremely lucid analysis of the various economic arguments used to highlight the consumer welfare enhancing or welfare reducing effects of business practices.

Research Handbook on Methods and Models of Competition Law Kluwer Law International B.V.

This fully revised and updated second edition of Consumer Protection Law introduces the reader to the substantive law of consumer protection in the United Kingdom, the emphasis being on the place of United Kingdom law within an evolving European legal system and also on the need to draw upon comparative experience. The book not only seeks to place consumer protection in its purely black-letter context but also draws upon wider readings to show that consumer protection law is a complex area of law which reflects and shapes the individual citizen's position within the modern economy.

Consumer Theories of Harm Edward Elgar Publishing

Taking the dynamics of EU competition policy as a reference, the author provides a historical perspective of China's competition law, enforcement mechanisms and future challenges against the background of ongoing economic reforms and the concomitant modernisation of the judicial system. Readers are familiarised with the main principles of China's IP Guidelines. Recent judicial and administrative landmark decisions are covered as well. The author studies issues at the nexus between China's competition law and IP regime. Coherent goals of the two legal systems are achieved through seemingly opposite means: Safeguarding free competition for all market players versus granting exclusive rights to IP owners. It is a constant challenge for China's competition authorities to strike an optimal balance when applying competition law to the exercise of IP rights.

Consumer Protection Handbook Routledge

This paper deals with the question what the relationship is between consumer activity and non-competitive market outcomes in deregulated markets. These market failures could be the result of bad regulation, bad competition law enforcement or insufficient consumer activity. The different causes trigger different remedies. The question is whether to tackle a certain market failure on the supplier or on the consumer side. The answer depends on the actual and direct causes of market failures. The choice for appropriate and proportional remedies should be determined on the same basis. This paper argues that opening up markets to competition does not automatically lead to more consumer benefits. When consumers have insufficient information about the choices they can make or they face high search and switching costs they are not able to take the advantages made possible by effective competition and to activate competition. Information failures, therefore, can distort the working of an otherwise competitive market and can lead to sub-optimal effects and inefficiency. The liberalisation of network industries is one example when more competition does not automatically lead to a more competitive outcome because consumers have incomplete information. In many countries liberalisation has led to mixed results. While it improved competition for large users and provided better prices at the same time it raised major difficulties for small consumers to exercise their choice. The questions that are discussed in this paper are the following. When should a specific market failure be tackled on the supplier or consumer side? Which role consumer information problems play in achieving and maintaining competitive markets? How do consumer protection rules addressing information failures effect the enforcement of competition rules?

Competition Law and Consumer Protection: a Love-hate Relationship American Bar Association

This comprehensive Handbook illuminates the objectives and economics behind competition law. It takes a global comparative approach to explore competition law and policy in a range of jurisdictions with differing political economies, legal systems and stages of development. A set of expert

international contributors examine the operation and enforcement of competition law around the world in order to globalize discussions surrounding the foundational issues of this topic. In doing so, they not only reveal the range of approaches to competition law, but also identify certain basic economic concepts and types of anticompetitive conduct that are at the core of competition law.

Opening Markets and Protecting Competition for America's Businesses and Consumers Edward Elgar Publishing

Competition and consumer protection law are intimately related, two sides of the same coin of consumer sovereignty and hence economic justice. Somewhat surprisingly, this relationship is only beginning to be recognized by academics and policy makers. Even more interestingly, the fundamental unity of competition and consumer protection law has been urged by both adherents and critics of the Chicago school leaving open the question of how the laws should be harmonized and enforced. In this essay, I survey the competing models at the federal and state level as to how competition and consumer protection are occasionally integrated and more commonly viewed as independent bodies of law. I briefly explore the reasons for this confusion which are more historical and institutional rather than theoretical. I conclude with suggestions for more closely integrating the two bodies of law both in the United States and abroad in a way that furthers the tangible rather than theoretical interests of consumers.

Competition Law and Consumer Protection Law Kluwer Law International B.V.

In an era of communicative abundance, consumers can access content anytime, anywhere and on any digital device. Safeguarding media pluralism has never before been as essential to our democracies as it is today. What role, if any, should EU competition law then play in protecting it? In delving into this question, Konstantina Bania conducts an in-depth analysis of the economics of the sector as well as the Commission's decision-making practice regarding mergers, abuses of dominance as well as anti-competitive agreements. Combining unique theoretical and practical insights, this book showcases novel tools for competition law enforcement to protect quality dimensions of competition and consumer welfare in media markets where consumers increasingly pay with their attention or data rather than money. This book is a must-read study for all scholars, competition authorities and policymakers interested in the question of how competition law can apply in such a manner that antitrust and merger assessments do not disregard non-price concerns such as privacy or diversity.

Competition Law Springer Nature

This edited volume covers the challenges currently faced by consumer law in Europe and the United States, ranging from fundamental theoretical questions, such as what goals consumer law should pursue, to practical questions raised by disclosure requirements, the General Data Protection Regulation and technology advancements. With governments around the world enacting powerful new regulations concerning consumers, consumer law has become an important topic in the economic analysis of law. Intended to protect consumers, these regulations typically seek to do so by giving them tools to make better decisions, or by limiting the consequences of their bad decisions. Legal scholars are divided, however, regarding the efficacy and effects of these regulations; some call for certain policies to be abolished, while others support a regulatory expansion.

Competition and Antitrust Law: A Very Short Introduction Oxford University Press

The Second Edition of Monopoly, Competition and the Law is a rigorous and detailed exposition of the objectives, nature and application of competition law in the United Kingdom, the EEC and the USA. Fully updated, it includes a full account of the many legal developments since 1989, including analyses of the new merger policy of the EEC and proposals for the radical reform of UK policy of restrictive trade practices. This work is the most recent of its kind, providing updated coverage of this dynamic area of law and policy which has become an everyday consideration in market strategy. Tim Frazer, a specialist in competition law and policy and a solicitor, surveys the vast and complex field of monopoly and competition policy in a style easily accessible to lawyers and non-lawyers alike. Every aspect of the law, in all three jurisdictions, is covered - the development of governmental and judicial policy on monopoly and competition; the objectives of competition policy and the legal control of business practices; monopoly and competition laws in the UK, the EEC and the USA, with an examination of the legal and economic problems involved. Lawyers, economists, political and social scientists will find this an informative reference source on a wide range of topics, including concepts of public policy, the nature and treatment of unfair and discriminatory practices, and the role of the government in the market place. An indispensable text for all students and practitioners of competition law and policy, this comprehensive survey is also highly relevant to industrial economics, commercial and business law, contract law and consumer protection.

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Very Short Introductions: Brilliant, Sharp, Inspiring Competition is responsible for much of the prosperity around us. Competitive markets deliver lower prices, better quality, abundance of choice, and increased innovation. But while competition benefits the consumers, it can prove challenging to producers and sellers, who need to constantly improve to stay in business. As a result, sellers may sometimes look for ways to dampen the competitive process. Our antitrust and competition laws are designed to address these risks and safeguard consumer welfare. The competition enforcers have the task of unravelling price-fixing cartels, challenging powerful companies that abuse their power, and monitoring proposed merger transactions that could undermine effective competition. In doing so, competition enforcers have to carefully consider the level of intervention and ensure they do not distort the natural dynamics of competition. Drawing on case studies from the US and the European Union, this Very Short Introduction explores the promise and limitations of competitive market dynamics. In examining the laws and the way they are enforced, Ariel Ezrachi considers the delicate relationship between a free market economy and government intervention, and the fascinating forces of competition that shape modern society. ABOUT THE SERIES: The Very Short Introductions series from Oxford University Press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area. These pocket-sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly. Our expert authors combine facts, analysis, perspective, new ideas, and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable.

Competition Law and Consumer Protection Edward Elgar Publishing

These comments were submitted to the FTC as part of its hearings on "Competition and Consumer Protection in the 21st Century." As part of our comments, we note the timeliness of the hearings, given that, despite the vast social benefits generated by companies operating in the digital economy, the ongoing economic transformation has stoked fears amongst members of the general public, the press, and policymakers. This

transformation has led to calls for interventionist policies such as heightened antitrust enforcement, sector-specific regulation, and direct intervention against industry concentration. We further note that there is insufficient evidence and, at best, ambivalent theory to support any of these proposed policies--and in the absence of a strong basis for adopting them, the proposed policies would do more harm than good. Among other things, economies of scale, economies of scope, network effects, and the like may bring about larger firms and more concentrated markets along with considerable consumer benefits. And new markets necessarily imply the consolidation of some firms and the exit of others, as competitors vie to come up with the winning paradigm. Against the backdrop of this evolutionary process, it is critical that authorities avoid knee-jerk reactions that may impair the long-term welfare of consumers and firms alike. Our comment reviews some of the important findings which law and economics scholarship can bring to bear on competition and consumer protection enforcement in this space.

Revisiting China's Competition Law and Its Interaction with Intellectual Property Rights Springer

This handbook offers detailed descriptions of EU competition law, including mergers and public authorities. Above all, it analyzes and discusses recent decisions of the ECJ and the General Court. Presenting systematically structured and theoretically founded content, the book also includes recommendations for practitioners. Special attention is paid to the scope of penalties and the influence on fundamental rights. Rounding out the book, the conflict between safeguarding confidential information and the effectiveness of private and public enforcement is discussed intensively in the context of the new Directive 2014/104/EU.

Excessive Pricing and Competition Law Enforcement Stationery Office Books (TSO)

Competition law, particularly in the European Union, has turned away from structural remedies and toward "consumer-facing" firm conduct remedies, a seemingly light-touch approach. These remedies aim to empower and stimulate consumers to drive competition through shopping based on accurate beliefs regarding the availability, costs, risks, and benefits of alternatives in the marketplace. Consumer-facing remedies either obligate firms to take steps intended to promote consumer shopping or prohibit firms from imposing barriers that are believed to inhibit consumer shopping. Examples include requiring an infringing firm to remind consumers to shop around, limiting the switching costs the firm can impose on its customers, or prohibiting the firm from deploying specified self-preferencing choice architecture. In behavioral economic theory, consumer facing remedies--in essence, prescribed shopping nudges and proscriptions on shopping sludge make sense. In practice, remedies and regulations imposing these sorts of requirements in the consumer protection realm have repeatedly failed. This Essay explains why we can expect consumer-facing competition remedies to similarly disappoint and draws lessons for competition law from consumer protection law's mistakes.

Antitrust in Pharmaceutical Markets & Geographical Rules of Origin CONCURRENCES

This book gathers international and national reports from across the globe on key questions in the field of antitrust and intellectual property. The first part discusses the application of competition law in the pharmaceutical sector, which continues to be a focus for anti-trust authorities around the world. A detailed international report explores the extent to which the application of the competition rules in the pharmaceutical sector should be affected by the specific characteristics of those products and markets (including consumer protection rules, the need to promote innovation, the need to protect public budgets, and other public interest considerations). It provides an excellent comparative study of this complex subject, which lies at the interface between competition law and intellectual property law. The second part of the book gathers contributions from various jurisdictions on

the topic of "What rules should govern claims by suppliers about the national or geographic origin of their goods or services?" This section presents an international report, which offers an unparalleled comparative analysis of this topic, bringing together common themes and contrasting the various national provisions dealing with indications of origin, amongst other things. The book also includes the resolutions passed by the General Assembly of the International League of Competition Law (LIDC) following a debate on each of these topics, which include proposed solutions and recommendations. The LIDC is a long-standing international association that focuses on the interface between competition law and intellectual property law, including unfair competition issues.

International Consumer Protection Beck/Hart

What are the normative foundations of competition law? That is the question at the heart of this book. Leading scholars consider whether this branch of law serves just one or more than one goal, and if it serves to protect unfettered competition as such, how this goal relates to other objectives such as the promotion of economic welfare. The book brings together contributions on the relevance of different welfare standards, on the concept of 'freedom to compete' and on distributional fairness as a goal of competition law. Moreover, it discusses the relationship to other legal goals such as mar.

The Goals of Competition Law Bloomsbury Publishing

For legal practitioners who are non-specialists in consumer protection law. A concise guide to the basic principles of consumer protection law.

Consumer Protection and Competition Law Springer Science & Business Media

Competition policy like consumer protection, amongst other issues, seeks to forestall other forms of market failure such as formation of cartels, leading to collusive pricing, division of markets and joint decisions to reduce supply. There is a strong commonality between competition policy and law on the one hand and consumer protection policy and law on the other. Competition policy is intended to promote efficiency and maximize consumer/social welfare. Consumer protection laws have slightly different objectives -- health and safety of individual consumers, food standards and safety under Weights and Measures Act, false advertisement, etc. Competition law can grow vertical or horizontal on consumer welfare with issues such as anti-dumping of cheap goods or parallel imports, etc. Further, competition law in India has extra territorial jurisdiction if the action has adverse effect on the Indian market.

Competition Law Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft

Written by a worldwide team of experts, this new work surveys and comments on the unfair competition laws of the world's leading economic powers. Following a standard pattern, each chapter introduces the reader to the latest developments in each jurisdiction, highlighting the ways in which the basic legislation and case law relates to enforcement issues, and how unfair competition laws fit with wider considerations of consumer protection and within prevailing intellectual property and competition law frameworks. Each of the country reports follows the same standard structure: I. Background and General Approach to Unfair Competition Law. II. Legal Basis of Unfair Competition Law and Relations to Neighbouring Areas of Law III. General Considerations IV. General Clause Against Unfair Competition V. Marketing V. Protection of Competitors Against Unfair Trade Practices VI. Specific Protection of Consumers Against Unfair Trade Practices VII. Enforcement Country Reports § 1 Australia § 2 Austria § 3 Brazil § 4 Canada § 5 China § 6 France § 7 Germany § 8 Hungary § 9 India § 10 Italy § 11 Japan § 12 Lithuania § 13 Netherlands § 14 Poland § 15 Spain § 16 South Africa § 17 Sweden § 18 Switzerland § 19 Turkey § 20 UK § 21 USA

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