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Georgian Competition and Consumer Agency

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THE GEORGIAN COMPETITION AND CONSUMER AGENCY CONTINUES TO THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC PROGRESS THROUGH ENSURING FAIR COMPETITION AND EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT OF CONSUMER RIGHTS.

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ОБЩЕСТВО ЗАЩИТЫ ПРАВ ПОТРЕБИТЕЛЕЙ И ЭКОНОМИЧЕСКОЙ КОНКУРЕНЦИИ
THE GEORGIAN COMPETITION AND CONSUMER AGENCY

The amendments have been made to the Law of Georgia on Competition, which came into force on January 1, 2023. The amendments have contributed to the effective enforcement of competition rules in the interest of the Georgian citizens.

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Important changes have been made in the activities of the Georgian National Competition Agency, with the goal of ensuring compliance with the European standards and approaching the obligations arising from the Association Agreement.

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THE GEORGIAN COMPETITION AND CONSUMER AGENCY CONTINUES THE LIMIT OF GEORGIA ON COMPETITION IN THE PROTECTION OF CONSUMER RIGHTS. THE MAIN GOAL OF GEORGIA AND ACCESSING COMPANIES - AND THE LIMIT OF GEORGIA ON ANTI-DUMPING MEASURES IN TRADE

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INVESTIGATION

COMPLETED

THE GEORGIAN COMPETITION AND CONSUMER AGENCY ESTABLISHED A VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 2 (CONSUMER PROTECTION) OF THE LAW OF GEORGIA ON COMPETITION IN THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE VIRTUAL CURRENCY MINING FACILITY ("BITCOIN FARMS") BY COMPANIES.

ACCORDING TO THE AGENCY'S DECISION, IT WAS DISTINGUISHED THAT IN THE PERIOD OF DECEMBER 2021 - JANUARY 2022, THE COMPANIES MADE THE PROMOTION OF THE MINING FACILITY ON PRICES FOR EXCLUSIVE CONDITIONS, WHICH THE CLEAR MEANING WAS THE PROMOTION OF THE SALE OF THE MINING FACILITY. THE COMPANIES HAVE AMOUNTED UP TO 15 MILLION GEL IN TOTAL.

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TO IMPROVE THE COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT IN THE MARKET, THE COMPETITION AGENCY WAS ISSUED A MANDATORY RECOMMENDATION TO THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY OF GEORGIA REGARDING FROM THE GEORGIAN TERRITORY.

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THE GEORGIAN COMPETITION AND CONSUMER AGENCY ESTABLISHED A VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 2 (REPRESSIVE AGREEMENTS) OF THE LAW OF GEORGIA ON COMPETITION IN THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOOD SERVICE SECTOR.

THE CASE WAS CONNECTED TO THE INVESTIGATION WITHIN WHICH ARE THE COMPLAINT OF "FOODTECH PROCESS", WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF WHICH THE COMPANIES "GEORGIAN BEVERAGES", "GEORGIAN BEVERAGES", "GEORGIAN BEVERAGES", "TBILISI BEVERAGES", "TBILISI BEVERAGES", "TBILISI BEVERAGES", "TBILISI BEVERAGES", "TBILISI BEVERAGES" AND "TBILISI BEVERAGES" ARE CONNECTED.

- Companies were involved against agreements which aimed to stop the violation of the law.

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ONGOING

DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, AGENCY WAS LAUNCHED TWO INVESTIGATIONS - ONE INTO THE POSSIBLE ABUSE OF DOMINANT POSITION BY THE COMPANY "GEORGIAN BEVERAGES" AND ANOTHER INVESTIGATION IN THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOOD SERVICE SECTOR.

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INADMISSIBILITY

THE AGENCY RECONSIDERED THE COMPLAINT OF "BELLA VERITAS" LLC AS INADMISSIBLE DUE TO INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE. THE COMPANY WAS ALSO ASKED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE TO THE REVIEW THAT THE COMPANY SUBMITTED ON 30 JUNE 2023.

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IN 2023, THE AGENCY CONDUCTED 9 INVESTIGATIONS WITH POSSIBLE CASES OF ABUSE OF DOMINANT POSITION, COMPETITION AGREEMENTS, UNFAIR PRACTICES, AND VIOLATION OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION OF JOINT ADVERTISEMENT. THE AGENCY CONDUCTED 3 INVESTIGATIONS WITH POSSIBLE CASES OF ABUSE OF DOMINANT POSITION, 3 INVESTIGATIONS OF THE ABUSE OF THE APPLICATION, 1 ON THE ABUSE OF THE RIGHT TO ENTER INTO A COMPETITION AGREEMENT