

UNCTAD - JFTC Joint Event

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Challenges for SMEs in specific markets: bargaining power abuse in the food retail sector and other sectors

1. Purpose of this event

In last October, at the meeting of the UNCTAD Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy (IGE), there was significant interest from panelists and participants in the agenda topic “Enforcement of Competition Law in Food Retail Sector” for further discussion, especially issues regarding abuse of superior bargaining power against small and medium enterprises (SMEs). In addition, the Japan Fair Trade Commission (JFTC) developed regulations on abuse of superior bargaining power and accumulated enforcement experiences for many decades. Based on these experiences, at the 2008 ICN Kyoto Annual Conference, the JFTC moderated a panel discussion on this regulation which drew significant attention from many jurisdictions. Now, as many competition agencies have become more active in this field, this event will be an ideal place to follow up on this discussion.

2. Date: Wednesday, 10th May 2017

3. Time: 17:40 – 18:50

4. Place: “Miragaia” Hall in Alfândega Porto Congress Centre

5. Moderator:

OECD Mr. Antonio Ferreira Gomes, Head of the Competition Division

6. Speakers:

Opening & Keynote:

JFTC Mr. Hiroshi Yamada, Deputy Secretary General

Keynote:

UNCTAD Mr. Juan Luis Crucelegui, Senior Legal Officer, Competition and Consumer Policies Branch

Panel:

Australia ACCC Mr. Marcus Bezzi, Executive General Manager Competition Enforcement

Indonesia KPPU Prof. Tresna P. Soemardi, Commissioner

NGA (Allen & Overly LLP) Mr. Jürgen Schindler, Partner