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**Council for Trade-Related Aspects of  
Intellectual Property Rights**

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**NOTIFICATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS  
UNDER ARTICLE 63.2 OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT**

IRELAND: COMPETITION ACT 2002 (NO. 14 OF 2002)

<b>Notifying Member</b>	IRELAND
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**Details of the notified legal text**

<b>Title</b>	Competition Act 2002 (No. 14 of 2002)
<b>Subject matter</b>	Other
<b>Nature of notification</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Main dedicated intellectual property law or regulation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other law or regulation
<b>Link to legal text*</b>	<a href="https://ip-documents.info/2023/IP/IRL/23_2084_00_e.pdf">https://ip-documents.info/2023/IP/IRL/23_2084_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>Notification status</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> First notification <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment or revision to notified legal text <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement or consolidation of notified legal text(s)
<b>Previous notification(s) referred to</b>	Not applicable
<b>Brief description of the notified legal text</b>	
<p>The Competition Act, 2002 was enacted to consolidate and modernize the existing enactments relating to competition and mergers. It replaces the Mergers, Takeovers and Monopolies (Control) Act, 1978, as amended, the Competition Act, 1991 and the Competition (Amendment) Act, 1996.</p> <p>It also introduces significant changes to Ireland's competition and merger law arrangements. The Act follows the work of the Competition and Mergers Review Group (CMRG), which carried out a major review of existing arrangements over the period September 1996 to March 2000. The Act also takes account of other developments, particularly the proposed modernization of EU competition law.</p>	
<b>Language(s) of notified legal text</b>	English
<b>Entry into force</b>	10 April 2002; Competition Act 2002 (updated January 1, 2018)
<b>Other date</b>	

**Notification details**

<b>Submission date of notification</b>	15 March 2023
<b>Other information</b>	
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