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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)

Notifying Member	IRELAND

Details of the notified legal text

Title	Competition Act 2002 (No. 14 of 2002)
Subject matter	Other
Nature of notification	[ ] Main dedicated intellectual property law or regulation [X] Other law or regulation
Link to legal text*	https://ip-documents.info/2023/IP/IRL/23_2084_00_e.pdf
Notification status	[X] First notification [ ] Amendment or revision to notified legal text [ ] Replacement or consolidation of notified legal text(s)
Previous notification(s) referred to	Not applicable

Brief description of the notified legal text

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.

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.

Language(s) of notified legal text	English
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Other date	

Notification details

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