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

KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA: IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS
OF THE COMPETITION LAW

Notifying Member	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA
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Details of the notified legal text

Title	Implementing Regulations of the Competition Law
Subject matter	Other
Nature of notification	<input type="checkbox"/> Main dedicated intellectual property law or regulation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other law or regulation
Link to legal text*	https://ip-documents.info/2022/IP/SAU/22_4450_00_x.pdf
Notification status	<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)
Previous notification(s) referred to	Not applicable

Brief description of the notified legal text

The Implementing Regulations of the Competition Law (the "Implementing Regulations") were issued by the Board of Directors (the "GAC Board") of the General Authority for Competition ("GAC") and came into force on 25/01/1441 Hijri (corresponding to 24 September 2019). The Implementing Regulations apply to:

all entities within the Kingdom, including establishments and companies, engaged in economic, activity in the Kingdom, whatever their legal forms, nationalities, sizes, and ownership; whether their licence to practice the activity is still valid or otherwise; and whether they practice the licensed activity or a different one; an individual engaged in an economic activity whether or not he has obtained a licence to practice his activity; all forms of entities and groupings when engaged in economic activities; and e-platforms, whether or not they are licensed to practice their activity; and practices occurring outside the Kingdom that have an adverse effect on fair competition within the Kingdom.

The Competition Law and the Implementing Regulations will not apply to a public establishment or state-owned company if it is solely authorized by the Saudi Government to provide goods or services in a particular field.

Such exemption must be granted by a royal decree or a resolution of the Council of Ministers that authorized the relevant public establishment or state-owned company to be the sole provider of goods or services in a particular field.

However, the provisions of the Competition Law and the Implementing Regulations apply to a state-owned company in fields other than the one in which it is solely authorized by the Saudi Government to provide goods or services.

Language(s) of notified legal text	English
Entry into force	26 September 2019
Other date	

Notification details

Submission date of notification	29 June 2022
Other information	
Agency or authority responsible	The General Authority for Competition Email: info@gac.gov.sa

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