

## UK Merger Control Procedure—The Competition Commission Perspective

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A year after the Enterprise Act came into force CC Deputy Chairman Peter Freeman looks at its procedures and the experience of the first four inquiries completed under the new legislation. He considers the need for fairness, thoroughness and speed of case handling and emphasizes that the CC will continue to review its procedures in light of experience. Although its new procedures have yet to be tested before the Competition Appeal Tribunal he is confident that CC's processes are as fair, thorough and speedy as they reasonably can be.