Restrictions of Competition “by object” after Cartes Bancaires and the Commission’s Initiatives

- Implications of the Cartes Bancaires judgment
- The new De Minimis Notice
- The new Commission Guidance

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Location: Rue de l’Aqueduc 118, B-1050 Brussels
Thursday, 11 December 2014

13:30 Arrival and registration of participants

14:00 Welcome and introduction

14:15 The new instruments adopted by the Commission: The amended De Minimis Notice and the Guidance
- What has changed in the De Minimis Notice after Expedia?
- What does the Commission aim to achieve with its revision?
- Which restrictions can still benefit from the De Minimis Notice, pursuant to the Guidance?
- What is the role of Art. 101(3) TFEU?
Ekaterina Rousseva
Anna Vernet

14:45 Discussion

15:00 Impact of the Cartes Bancaires judgment on the concept of “by object” restrictions
- “Complex economic assessments” and “sufficient degree of harm to competition”: what are the critical points made by the CJEU?
- What is now the delimitation between the “by object” analysis and the pure “by effect” analysis?
- Economic analysis: does the Court’s reasoning confirm or deviate from its case law so far?
- Is Allianz Hungaria history? What can be concluded about the future interpretation of the “by object” concept?
Yves Botteman

15:45 Discussion

16:15 Coffee break

16:45 Practical implications of the Cartes Bancaires judgment
- What are the ramifications for future assessments by the Commission and National Competition Authorities?
- What is the impact on undertakings?
- How is the judgment important for competition analysis in two-sided markets?
Munesh Mahtani

17:15 Discussion

17:45 End of the workshop

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