

Are you

- A senior executive dealing with corporate affairs and business decisions?
- A corporate lawyer advising clients on CA02 and related compliance?
- Any others interested in the implementation of competition policy and law (CPL)?

If you are

The three-month CIRC Certificate Course on Interface between Competition Law and the Economy can strengthen your professional skills on how to analyse and address issues relevant to competition law that will help you to perform more effectively and enhance your potential.

You will gain the following

- analytical skills to comprehend competition policy and law issues
- understanding of compliance issues related to CA02 and its implementation
- understanding of the expected role of different stakeholders and groups in order to ensure better competitiveness of the markets and accelerate economic growth

Rationale

A good competition law, along with a sound competition policy, helps in fostering competition, economic efficiency, consumer welfare and freedom of doing business. In turn it will equip the Government in meeting the challenges of globalisation by increasing competition in local and national markets.

India enacted its Competition Act in 2002 (amended in 2007, referred to here as CA02) to deal with the competition issue in a more liberalised market economy. This law is a successor to the Monopolies & Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) under the CA02 is expected to be fully operational very soon.

CA02 will deal with a myriad anti-competitive practices affecting both consumer welfare and business welfare. The practices could operate from within the border or across the border. These could be cartelization, abuse of dominance, concentration leading to dominance etc.

It is important that different stakeholders understand the relevant issues better. Business and their associations need to understand the new law to formulate their strategy.

Government officials, regulators and other practitioners need to understand them, as that is essential for proper implementation of the law.

There is an urgent need to fill the gap between the current knowledge and the knowledge required after the implementation of CA02. This course offered by the CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition (CIRC) aims to fill this gap. In doing this, CIRC will benefit from the rich experience and resources of CUTS International, globally acknowledged as a leading research and advocacy group working on trade and regulatory affairs.

Contents

- Introduction to competition policy and law
- Introduction to basic economic concepts and competition analysis
- Understanding business conduct and relevant provisions in CA02 relating to:
 - ◆ Abuse of dominance in the market
 - ◆ Horizontal anti-competitive agreements
 - ◆ Vertical anti-competitive agreements
 - ◆ Cartels and competition law
 - ◆ Regulation of combinations
- Organizational structure of the Competition Commission of India
- Understanding the remedies under CA02
- Understanding the interplay between technology and competition
- Understanding the evolution of application and interpretation of substantive provision of competition/anti-trust law across jurisdictions.
- Articulating the interface between competition law and business strategy.
- Cross-border competition issues and future of competition law



Resource Persons

The resource persons for this Course comprise eminent academics and experts in the field of Competition Policy and Law.

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Pedagogy

The pedagogical methods and resource materials will include lectures, discussions, case studies, exercises and presentations by the participants.

About CIRC

CIRC (www.circ.in) was launched in September 2005. It is an initiative towards creating an intellectual and knowledge base on competition policy & law, economic regulation and commercial & economic diplomacy.

CIRC is governed by a 20-member Governing Council, chaired by C. Rangarajan, Member, Rajya Sabha. It includes several eminent persons from among economists, judges and government officials.

Dipak Chatterjee (former Commerce Secretary of India and former Indian Ambassador to the European Union) is the Director General.

CIRC has conducted many programmes on Competition Policy and Law, held in India and abroad. (More on <http://www.circ.in/event-LogCS.htm>)

About CUTS International

Established in 1983-84, CUTS International (www.cuts-international.org) has built up a formidable reputation as a leading research, advocacy and networking group engaged on issues of competition, economic regulation, investment, consumer protection, international trade and development. It has six offices in India and five overseas: Geneva, Hanoi, London, Lusaka and Nairobi.

CUTS Centre for Competition, Investment & Economic Regulations (CUTS CCIER) is dedicated to research and advocacy *inter alia* on Competition Policy & Law and Economic Regulation. It has implemented many national and multi-country research projects with an aim to promote a healthy competition culture. (More on <http://www.cuts-ccier.org/>).

Fee

The course fee will be Rs. 50,000 (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) per participant. Service tax as applicable will be charged extra. 15 percent discount will be offered if there are more than four candidates from an organisation. The fee includes rich study material, and tea and refreshments during sessions. Accommodation is not included in the fee.



Days and Time

Over a period of three months (12 weeks), there will be two courses running simultaneously on Saturdays and on Sundays in New Delhi.

The first set of two courses will be held during April-June 2009. Further courses will be held in subsequent quarters.

While candidates may choose the day, CIRC reserves the right to allot the days on a first come first served basis. The timings will be from 10 am to 5 pm with suitable breaks for lunch and tea.

Please see our website for the exact dates of the course.

It is planned to offer similar courses in other metro cities, such as Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad over time, and candidates are encouraged to enquire.

How to apply

Application form is available on www.circ.in/pdf/ApplicationForm-CLBS.pdf. The Fee is payable in advance through cheque or demand draft drawn in favour of CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition and payable at New Delhi. Last date to submit the application form along with the course fee is fifteen days prior to the commencement of a course.



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