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Merger control

World Law Group presents first "WLG Merger Control Basics 2010" guide / CMS Hasche Sigle plays lead role

Stuttgart – The World Law Group (WLG) has published the first edition of the WLG Merger Control Basics 2010 guide. The at-a-glance guide provides answers to the two most frequently asked questions related to merger control, namely filing thresholds and investigation periods, for 53 jurisdictions worldwide.

The section on "Thresholds" in WLG Merger Control Basics 2010 provides a summary of the thresholds for filing a transaction with the competition authorities. "Stages" describes the procedure and the investigation periods once the national cartel authority has been notified of a transaction. Answers to both questions are given alphabetically by country for a total of 53 countries.

The idea for the international guide came from Dr Harald Kahlenberg, who also played a key role in producing it. He is a partner and competition law expert as well as chair of the WLG Antitrust & Competition Practice Group: "Many countries have already implemented merger control regimes, while others are preparing to do so. Increasingly, cartel authorities are imposing hefty fines for non-compliance with filing requirements. Our guide provides a quick and convenient overview of current practice in the world's major business locations."

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The WLG is a network of 50 independent law firms on five continents with more than 260 offices in commercial centres worldwide. CMS Hasche Sigle is a founding member of the World Law Group.

WLG Merger Control Basics 2010 is available as a pocket-sized booklet and an electronic file.

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