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[CDH insights on recent trends in merger control and prohibited practice](#)

This alert addresses some of the recent competition law developments in merger control and prohibited practice before the South African competition authorities.

[Dawn of data protection in the Competition space: Kenya and South Africa](#)

Over the last few years, data has become a valuable and necessary tool for businesses to be able to undertake their operations efficiently and effectively. Individuals provide their personal data to businesses in exchange for various benefits such as access to online services and content and the businesses in turn use this data in a variety of ways.

[Competition Commission's guidelines on collaboration for the South African Value Chain Sugarcane Master Plan](#)

The South African sugar industry sustains an estimated one million livelihoods through direct and indirect employment. However, this important agricultural sector is also an industry in crisis due to factors such as global prices below South Africa's cost of production; increasing volumes of low-priced tariff-free exports from Eswatini into the Southern African Customs Union; and the Health Promotion Levy, a tax on sugar-containing drinks. This "perfect storm" resulted in many South African sugarcane farmers and millers incurring unsustainable losses, with potentially devastating consequences for rural unemployment and poverty.

[Local is lekker: Competition Commission draft guidelines on collaboration between competitors on localisation initiatives](#)

Localisation aims to achieve greater levels of local procurement or production. Improved localisation can be a catalyst for economic growth by, for example, increasing economies of scale for local producers, enhancing local investment and boosting competitiveness in export markets over the long term. The need for greater localisation has been compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic and identified as one of the key policy objectives of Government's Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan.

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Language

English

[A pint of trouble: COMESA'S beer manufacturer investigation commences](#)

On 24 June 2021, the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) Competition Commission (CCC) announced the commencement of an investigation into potential restrictive and prohibited practices, under Articles 16 and 19 of the COMESA Competition Regulations (Regulations), undertaken or engaged in by several beer manufacturing companies operating in the Common Market.

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