

NEW COMPETITION POLICY AND ENFORCING AUTHORITY IN UZBEKISTAN

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YEAR

1992

First antimonopoly agency was established as a Division of the Ministry of Finance on Antimonopoly and Price Policy

1996

The Division was reorganized into the State committee on demonopolization and competition development under the Ministry of Finance

2000

Antimonopoly Committee was separated from the Ministry of Finance and became an independent as State committee for competition

2005

State committee for competition was reorganized and gained additional jurisdictions of reorganizing economically insufficient and unprofitable ventures

2012

State committee for competition was reorganized once again by merge with State Property Department Committee

2017

State committee for competition was reorganized and became as The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan for assistance to privatized enterprises and development of competition

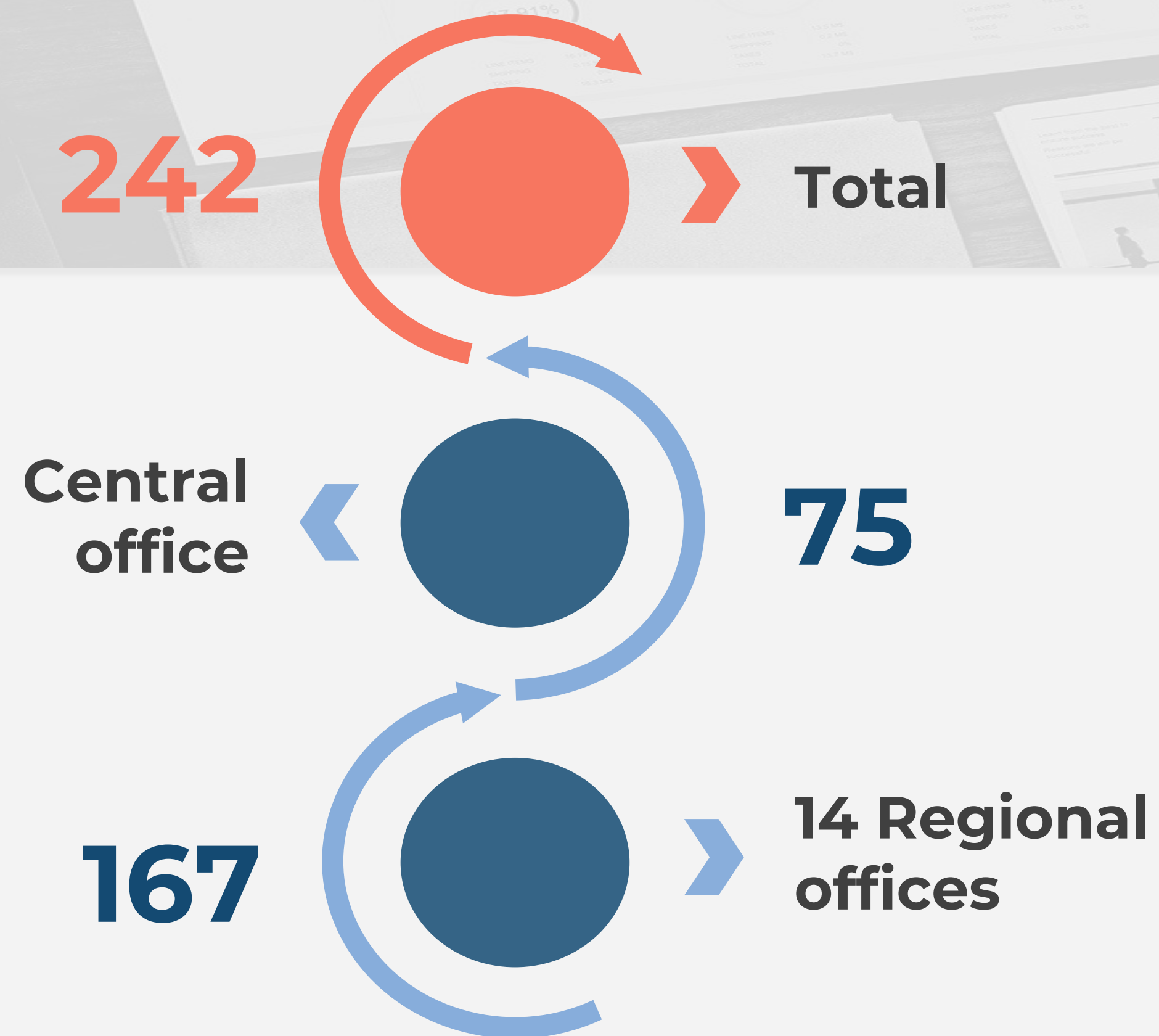
2019

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan for assistance to privatized enterprises and development of competition reorganized and divided into 3 independent State bodies: **Antimonopoly committee**, State assets Department Agency, Agency for capital market development

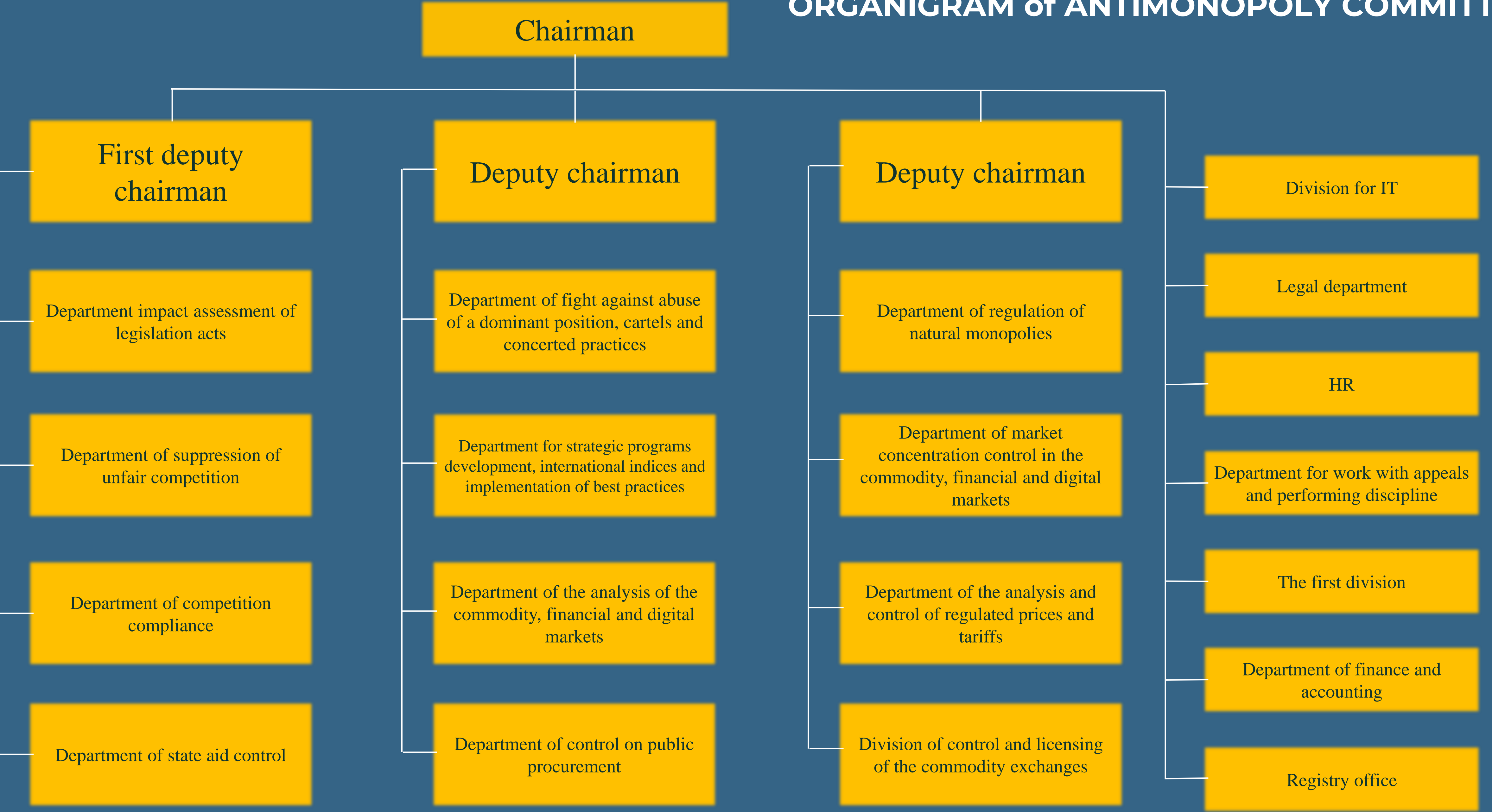
TASKS AND FUNCTIONS OF ANTIMONOPOLY COMMITTEE

-  implementation of state competition policy and developing a competitive environment in commodity and financial markets
-  investigation and suppression of abuses of dominant position, cartels and concerted practices
-  impact assessment of legislation on competition
-  antitrust regulation of public procurement and economic concentration
-  ensuring non-discriminatory access of market participants to highly liquid goods

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AND REGIONAL OFFICES



ORGANIGRAM of ANTIMONOPOLY COMMITTEE



NEW IMPULSE FOR COMPETITION POLICY

Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No.6019 of 06.07.2020 on further development of competitive environment and reduction of state intervention in economy:

Decrease of the extent of State INTERVENTION in economy:
setting prohibition on establishing of SOEs ("YELLOW PAGES RULE")

State Aid Control:
total revision & cancelling the privileges and tax benefits distorting competition

1 Institutional Reform:
Antimonopoly Committee has become accountable and reporting directly to the Senate of Parliament and the President for more independence in decision making

3 Preventive Mechanism:
Introduction of **competition compliance** to state enterprises and public bodies

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NEW IMPULSE FOR COMPETITION POLICY

Reducing the regulatory burden on business: mandatory conducting of Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA), Competition Impact Assessment & Regulatory Guillotine

Comprehensive Competition Advocacy Policy: development of educational programmes on competition, incl. universities program, judges trainings

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Draft New Law on Competition: Creating a new system of "smart" antitrust regulation, State Aid, Digital Markets Regulation & Enhancement of Competition Law enforcement tools

5 Elimination of conflict of interest in Public Procurement: Prohibition to participate in procurement procedures for Entities affiliated with SOEs and beneficiary disclosure obligation

7. MAIN FIGURES & RESULTS OF ACTIONS

taken by ANTIMONOLY COMMITTEE

Actions **against price gouging** for **35** types of significant consumer goods (FMCG)

COMPETITION IMPACT ASSESSEMENT
37 % of draft legal acts (of 753) and local government decisions (of 120) cancelled due to anticompetitive effects

measures taken to reimburse **5M USD** to consumers

3,200 anticompetitive and abusive actions, including price gouging suppressed
26M USD reimbursed to business entities

2,200 anti-competitive actions including bid-rigging and collusions during public procurement
500M USD worthing tenders cancelled due to collusions

competition diagnostics conducted on **72** product markets
15 dominant position revealed
153 prior consents given for M&A worth **328M USD**

MAIN FIGURES & RESULTS OF ACTIONS

taken by ANTIMONOLY COMMITTEE

proposals to abolish
97 types
of licenses and
permits were
submitted

proposals to abolish
privileges and exclusive
rights, distorting
competition of **38**
entities was submitted

38 types
of highly liquid and
monopoly products
mandatory sold at
Commodity Exchange for
equal access of SMEs

excessively high
prices of decreased for
5 types to **15-40 %**
monopolistic goods
and services

State –owned Railway
Company's service tying
practice was cancelled

Non-tariff barriers
removed for **5** types
products, including
cement, masks and
protective products

NEW STRUCTURAL UNITS and TOOLS

to be established by ANTIMONOLY COMMITTEE

FAIR TECH

digital platform for competition policy enforcement

NUDGING LAB

to use behavioral approaches in developing new competition policy enforcement tools

COMPETITION IMPROVEMENT OFFICE IN THE REGIONS

to monitor and design policy tools and measures to improve competition on local markets

Thank you!



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