



MEDIA RELEASE

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Revisions to CCS's Merger Procedure Guidelines

1. The Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore ("**CCS**") has completed its review of proposed changes to the *CCS Guidelines on Merger Procedures* ("**Merger Procedure Guidelines**"). The Merger Procedure Guidelines provide guidance on the notification and investigation procedures in cases involving mergers.
2. The proposed amendments to the Merger Procedure Guidelines aim to provide greater clarity and guidance to businesses on CCS's procedures, incorporating stakeholder feedback and reflecting both local and international regulatory developments. These amendments include:
 - a. Introducing a streamlined track to reduce CCS's assessment period for mergers that are unlikely to present competition concerns from 30 working days to 25 working days for the Phase 1 review;
 - b. Reducing the regulatory burden on merger parties and third parties when submitting information to CCS; and
 - c. Providing greater clarity to merger parties at an earlier stage on whether CCS is likely to issue a clearance decision or is unlikely to clear a merger.
3. The Merger Procedure Guidelines incorporate suggestions and feedback from merger procedure stakeholders from the public consultation held between 27 October 2025 and 17 November 2025. The feedback was largely supportive of the

changes. A summary of the feedback and CCS's responses on the feedback received, is available on the CCS website at www.ccs.gov.sg.

Merger Procedure Guidelines will take effect from 1 May 2026

4. The CCS Guidelines were last updated and came into effect on 1 February 2022. The revised Merger Procedure Guidelines and consequential amendments¹ to other CCS Guidelines will come into effect on 1 May 2026. Click <https://go.gov.sg/competition-guidelines> to access the revised CCS Guidelines.

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¹ Consequential changes follow from the changes to the Merger Procedure Guidelines.

About the Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore

The Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore (“**CCS**”) is a statutory board of the Ministry of Trade and Industry. Our mission is to make markets work well to create opportunities and choices for businesses and consumers in Singapore.

CCS administers and enforces the Competition Act 2004 and the Consumer Protection (Fair Trading) Act 2003, to guard against anti-competitive activities and unfair trade practices. Additionally, CCS ensures that businesses observe fair trade measurement practices by administering the Weights and Measures Act 1975, and ensures the supply of safe consumer goods by enforcing and implementing the Consumer Protection (Trade Descriptions and Safety Requirements) Act 1975 and its associated Regulations.

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