



Czech Republic Global merger control handbook – update

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Merger control legislation updates since 1 July 2018

There have been no updates to the respective Czech merger control legislation, notably the Czech Act No. 143/2000 Coll., on protection of competition and the respective decrees, since 1 July 2018.

No updates are anticipated for the near future.

Landmark merger control cases since 1 July 2018

There have been no merger control cases with a fundamental impact on Czech merger control, however certain cases received more press coverage due to the importance of the respective parties to Czech market, notably:

- KKCG AG / SAZKA Group a.s. (lottery business) – SAZKA is the organizer of the Czech national lottery (Sportka)
- PHOENIX lékárenský velkoobchod, s.r.o. / BENU Česká republika a.s. (pharmacy, wholesaler of pharmaceuticals) – the merger is quite important because BENU is the second strongest pharmacy-chain in the Czech Republic
- ONDRÁŠOVKA, a. s. / Karlovarská korunní, s. r. o. / Kofola ČeskoSlovensko, a. s (non-alcoholic drinks) – Kofola is the biggest non-alcoholic drinks producer in the Czech Republic, this is another of subsequent mergers of smaller competitors
- MONETA Money Bank, a.s. / Wüstenrot – stavební spořitelna a.s. / Wüstenrot hypoteční banka a.s. (banks) – With this step, MONETA increased its client base by approximately 350,000 clients, increase the balance of its retail deposits by approximately CZK 50 billion, and almost doubled the balance of its mortgage portfolio.
- DPD (Schweiz) AG / Geis Parcel CZ s.r.o. / Geis Parcel SK s.r.o. (logistics, delivery of packages)

Web link to the national competition authority

The Office for the Protection of Competition:

<https://www.uohs.cz/en/homepage.html>

Please note, that the Czech version of the website includes more information – <https://www.uohs.cz/cs/uvodni-stranka.html>

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