

COVID-19 BUSINESS COLLABORATION GUIDANCE NOTE



WHY ISSUE THIS GUIDANCE NOTE?

Due to the economic impact of COVID-19, competing businesses may find it necessary to work together to respond to disruptions in supply of essential goods or services.

WHAT IS ALLOWED?

CCCS will exceptionally assume that collaborations that fulfill the following are likely to generate net economic benefits and thus, are unlikely to infringe the Competition Act:

Sustain or improve the supply of essential goods or services in Singapore

Are limited in scope and time

Do not involve price-fixing, bid-rigging, market sharing or output limitation



FOR HOW LONG?

The Guidance Note applies to collaborations put in place from 1 February 2020, and which will expire by 31 July 2021.

WHAT IS PROHIBITED?

Collaborations that involve price-fixing, bid-rigging, market sharing or output limitation will continue to be prohibited unless they satisfy the net economic benefit criteria under the Third Schedule to the Competition Act.

For more information on the criteria, click on this link:

<https://go.gov.sg/2say83>



For more details, refer to the Guidance Note at:
<https://www.cccs.gov.sg/legislation/competition-act>