## **ANNEX A**

## PROPOSED GUIDELINES<sup>1</sup>

#### 1. The Major Provisions

- > The Commission
  - Functions and duties of the Commission
  - Co-operation between Commission and other regulatory authorities on competition matters
- Scope of Application
  - o Government and statutory bodies etc.
  - Extra-territorial application
- Section 34 Prohibition Agreements, etc., Preventing, Restricting or Distorting Competition
- Section 47 Prohibition Abuse of Dominant Position
- Section 54 Prohibition Mergers
- Third Schedule Exclusions from section 34 prohibition and section 47 prohibition
- ➤ Fourth Schedule Exclusions from section 54 prohibition
- Procedures
- Confidentiality and disclosure of information
- Investigation and enforcement
- Consequences of infringement
- Appeal procedures
- Rights of private action

<sup>1</sup> This is an indicative list of the guidelines, and proposed scope, to be developed by the Commission in the course of 2005.

# 2. The Section 34 Prohibition – Agreements, etc., Preventing, Restricting or Distorting Competition

- What is meant by:
  - Undertaking
  - Agreement
  - Decision by association of undertakings
  - o Concerted practice
  - o Prevention, restriction or distortion of competition
- Appreciable adverse effect
- Examples of anti-competitive agreement
- Excluded agreements
- Vertical agreements
- Block exemptions
- Consequences of infringement

## 3. The Section 47 Prohibition – Abuse of Dominant Position

- What is meant by:
  - Undertaking
  - Dominance
  - Abuse of dominant position
- Examples of abuse of dominant position
- Exclusions
- Consequences of infringement

#### 4. Market Definition

- Market definition
  - Product market
  - o Geographic market
  - o Relevant market

## 5. Powers of Investigation

- > Trigger for the use of the powers of investigation
- Production of specified documents and information
- Power to enter premises without a warrant
- Power to enter premises with a warrant
- > Offences created by the Competition Act relating to the powers of investigation

#### 6. Enforcement

- Interim measures/directions
- Decisions
- Sanctions
- Leniency programmes

# 7. Transitional Arrangements

- Phased approach
- Procedures

## 8. Cross-sectoral Competition Case Management

- Procedural guidelines on co-operation between the Commission and other regulatory authorities on competition matters
- > Confidentiality and disclosure of information

## 9. Treatment of Intellectual Property Rights

10. The Section 54 Prohibition - Mergers (To be developed in 2006)