

## **The CNMC publishes guidelines to facilitate quantification of damages in private actions for competition law infringements.**

- Parties affected by these conducts can claim compensation from the infringers before the courts.
- The guidelines facilitate the determination of the amount of damages, which can be a complex exercise.
- The document includes best practices to improve the quality of expert reports.

**Madrid, July 21, 2023.-** The CNMC has published guidelines directed to judges, lawyers, experts and consumers participating in damages actions for competition law infringements ([G-2020-03](#)).

The document is informative and presents the most relevant economic, statistical and econometric concepts in a simple way, with practical examples and checklists.

When operators violate competition rules, they affect markets and the economy by hindering competitiveness, innovation and job creation and quality. They can also cause specific harm to consumers and users, private operators and public sector entities.

Competition law allows those who have suffered damages to seek redress before the courts. However, the complexity of determining the amount of damages in some cases may reduce the effectiveness of claims. In view of this situation, the guidelines aim to help to better quantify the damages suffered as a result of competition law infringements.

The CNMC carried out two public consultations and held numerous meetings and working sessions to prepare the guidelines.

The guidelines respond to the commitment of the Action Plan 2023 to consolidate the competition culture and good regulatory practices. The Advocacy Department, the Legal Department, the Economic Department and the Competition Directorate of the CNMC all participated in its preparation.

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