

1 Abstract - Abuse of a dominant position and the concept of relevant market

The main aim of this thesis was firstly to describe the definition of abuse of dominant position constitute as one of the pillars of competition law (except for agreements distorting competition and illegal merger) and secondly to define the concept of the relevant market in accordance with the interpretation of rules on competition and the case law of the European Commission, the Court of First Instance, European Court Justice and the Office for Protection of the Competition.

The introductory chapters I have tried to acquaint potential readers especially with the interpretation of key concepts, facilitating global orientation through the issue of competition and its distortion or restriction. Mainly to work with concepts such as competition, competition law, cartel law, undertaking, company, etc. Without explanation and interpretation of these key concepts could seldom be properly grasp the issue of abuse of dominant position.

In the next section, I focus on issues describe the subject of my thesis and a dominant market position and its forms of abuse. A comprehensive interpretation of the issue greatly assists the Community case-law for this purpose I chose the most significant cases clarifying fundamental questions in terms of competition law and specifically in cases of dominance and its abuse.

As the title of my thesis suggests the following chapter focuses primarily on the definition of relevant market for the purposes of legal interpretation of the competition policy. I have tried to capture and explain the concept of the relevant market, then passing to outline the economic aspects of this issue and describe the main division of the relevant markets.

Given the wide scope of my topic I illustrate in the end, there may be a difficulties in determining whether certain conduct of a competitor in the market is an illegal act or not on a current case by granting sanctions for abuse of the dominant position. I chose that advancement mainly because of the significance of this decision, which brings in the Czech decision practice innovations especially in the use of economic analysis.