

COMMISSION
TITLE 03 — COMPETITION

CHAPTER 03 03 — CARTELS, ANTI-TRUST AND LIBERALISATION

Title Chapter Article Item	Heading	FF	Appropriations 2008		Appropriations 2007		Outturn 2006	
			Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
03 03	CARTELS, ANTI-TRUST AND LIBERALISATION							
03 03 01	<i>Completion of accompanying measures to the reform of the mergers, antitrust and market liberalisation and cartels activity</i>	1.1	—	400 000	—	600 000	568 921,24	195 796,02
03 03 02	<i>Damage requests resulting from legal procedures against the Commission's decisions in the field of competition policy</i>	5	p.m.	p.m.				
Chapter 03 03 — Total			p.m.	400 000	—	600 000	568 921,24	195 796,02

03 03 01 *Completion of accompanying measures to the reform of the mergers, antitrust and market liberalisation and cartels activity*

Figures (Differentiated appropriations)

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Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments	Commitments	Payments
—	400 000	—	600 000	568 921,24	195 796,02

Remarks

This appropriation is intended to cover the payments in respect of commitments relating to previous years.

To the appropriations entered in this item must be added the contributions from the EFTA States pursuant to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and in particular Article 82 thereof and Protocol 32 thereto. By way of information, these amounts derive from contributions from the EFTA States entered against Article 6 3 0 of the statement of revenue, which constitute assigned revenue in accordance with Article 18(1)(d) of the Financial Regulation; they give rise to the provision of corresponding appropriations and to implementation according to Annex V to this part of the statement of expenditure of this section, which forms an integral part of the general budget.

Legal basis

Decision No 791/2004/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 establishing a Community action programme to promote bodies active at European level and support specific activities in the field of education and training (OJ L 138, 30.4.2004, p. 31).

03 03 02 *Damage requests resulting from legal procedures against the Commission's decisions in the field of competition policy*

Figures (Differentiated appropriations)

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Remarks

In order to ensure that the rules on competition concerning agreements, decisions of associations of undertakings and restrictive practices (Article 81 of the Treaty), abuses of a dominant position (Article 82 of the Treaty), aids granted by States (Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty) and concentrations between undertakings (Regulation (EC) No 139/2004) are enforced, the Commission is empowered to take decisions, to conduct investigations and to impose penalties or order recovery.

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The Commission's decisions are subject to review by the Court of Justice in accordance with the Treaty.

As a prudential measure, it is appropriate to take into account the possibility of budgetary implications stemming from rulings of the Court of Justice or the Court of First Instance.

This appropriation is intended to cover any expenditure originated by damages awarded by the Court to claimants and resulting from legal proceedings against the Commission's decisions in the field of competition.

As a reasonable estimate of the financial impact on the EU budget cannot be established beforehand, a token entry ('p.m.') appears in this article. If necessary, the Commission will propose to make available the appropriations related to actual needs by means of transfers or through a preliminary draft amending budget.

Legal basis

Articles 81 and 82 of the Treaty establishing the European Community and derived legislation, notably:

- Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2003 of 16 December 2002 on the implementation of the rules on competition laid down in Articles 81 and 82 of the Treaty (OJ L 1, 4.1.2003, p. 1), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1419/2006 (OJ L 269, 28.9.2006, p. 1).
- Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 of 20 January 2004 on the control of concentrations between undertakings (the EC Merger Regulation) (OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1).

Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty establishing the European Community and derived legislation, notably:

- Council Regulation (EC) No 659/1999 of 22 March 1999 laying down detailed rules for the application of Article 93 of the EC Treaty (OJ L 83, 27.3.1999, p. 1), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1791/2006 (OJ L 363, 20.12.2006, p. 1).

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