

	Number of resolved cases/files in 2018		
	Antitrust and merger cases	Unfair trading practices	Total
I Administrative cases	30	-	<b>30</b>
II Non-administrative cases	576	82	<b>658</b>
Subtotal:	606	82	<b>688</b>

Source: Croatian Competition Agency

### 1 Antitrust and merger cases

*Non-administrative cases* in the area of antitrust and merger control includes the following:

- *Advocacy (opinions)* in the area of antitrust and merger control includes: opinions on draft proposals for laws and other legislation and opinions on applicable laws and other legal acts;
- *Other non-administrative cases* in the area of antitrust and merger control includes: sector inquiries and preliminary investigations in the relevant market, data base files, files involving notifications of concentrations received in the referral procedure under the Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004<sup>1</sup>, files involving cooperation with other competent authorities and sector regulators, international cooperation files and CCA internal acts, all other responses to the addressed actors under the Competition Act.

### 2 Unfair trading practices

*Non-administrative cases* in the area of unfair trading practices in the food supply chain include the following:

- *Opinions* in the area of unfair trading practices in the food supply chain containing the responses given to the questions asked by the addressed actors under the Act on the prohibition of unfair trading practices in the business-to-business food supply chain (UTPs Act), Official Gazette 117/17\*, concretely, producers, buyers, processors, wholesalers and retailers;
- *Other non-administrative cases* in the area of unfair trading practices that comprise: market investigations in the agri- and food products (re-sellers, buyers and/or processors), inquiries into the business relations between particular re-sellers and their suppliers, buyers and/or processors and their suppliers, activities on the preparation of the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on unfair trading practices in business-to-business relationships in the food supply chain COM/2018/0173 final, other activities (participation in conferences, workshops and seminars, roundtables etc.).

\*The Act on the prohibition of unfair trading practices in the business-to-business food supply chain (UTPs Act), Official Gazette 117/17, entered into force on 7 December 2017 whereas its full application started on 1 April 2018. The UTPs Act specifies the rules and a system of measures for prevention of imposition of unfair trading practices, it defines unfair trading practices in the food supply chain, the imposition of which enables the use of strong bargaining power of the buyer and/or processor or re-seller with respect to their suppliers.

<sup>1</sup> Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 of 20 January 2004 on the control of concentrations between undertakings (the EC Merger Regulation) Official Journal L 24, 29.01.2004