

	Number of resolved cases in 2021		
	Competition	Unfair trading practices	Total
Administrative cases	33	10	43
Non-administrative cases	622	60	682
<b>Total:</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>725</b>

Source: CCA

## 1. Antitrust and merger cases

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

- *Advocacy* 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 include:
  - sector inquiries, preliminary market investigations identifying whether there is sufficient circumstantial evidence for the opening of ex officio proceeding, data base files, notifications of concentrations received in the referral procedure under the Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004, files involving cooperation with other competent authorities and sector regulators, international cooperation files and CCA internal acts, access to files communication, other responses to addressed actors under the Competition Act, OG 79/09, 80/13 and 41/21.
- Activities of the workgroup in charge of drafting the revisions of the Competition Act (Act on the Amendments to the Competition Act, OG 41/21) that transposed the Directive (EU) 2019/1 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 to empower the competition authorities of the Member States to be more effective enforcers and to ensure the proper functioning of the internal market (ECN+ Directive) into the Croatian legal framework. The Act on the Amendments to the Competition Act entered into force on 24 April 2021.

## 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, OG 117/17 and 52/21 (hereinafter: UTPs Act), concretely, producers, buyers, processors, wholesalers and retailers. The CCA receives a large number of queries from natural and legal persons that are not directly linked to particular administrative cases i.e., investigation proceedings. These queries are non-administrative files that are responded urgently.
- *Other non-administrative cases* in the area of unfair trading practices that comprise:

- Complaints, usually anonymous, are investigated further by the CCA as non-administrative files in the form of market investigations in the agri- and food products where the CCA asks for written responses, data and documentation about the alleged infringement from the actors in question. Within its powers under the UTPs Act, the CCA investigates into the received information and decides whether there is sufficient circumstantial evidence to open ex officio administrative proceeding.
- Participation in the work of the commission for the transposition of the Directive (EU) 2019/633 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 on unfair trading practices in business-to-business relationships in the agricultural and food supply chain into the national legislation. The Act on the Amendments to the Act on the prohibition of unfair trading practices in the business-to-business food supply chain, OG 52/21 entered into force on 1 September 2021, whereas its full application started on 1 March 2022.
- Participation in the work of the commission for the drafting of the Ordinance on agricultural and food products, perishable agricultural and food products and produce that is highly sensitive to production and market variability, OG 93/21, 130/21 and 24/22.
- Participation in the virtual meetings of the ECN Food Subgroup and the meetings with the representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of the Economy and Sustainable Development.