

	Number of resolved cases in 2023		
	Competition	Unfair trading practices	Total
Administrative cases	46	7	53
Non-administrative cases	566	42	608
Total:	612	49	661

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, 41/21 and 115/23.

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, 52/21 and 27/24 (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.

The final draft of the Act on the Amendments to the Act on the prohibition of unfair trading practices in the business-to-business food supply chain, was submitted to the Croatian Parliament for second reading. The CCA representatives took part in the drafting of the said reviews as members of the Commission for the drafting of this new proposed version of the UTPs Act.

- *Other non-administrative cases* in the area of unfair trading practices that comprise:

- Written submissions, usually anonymous, are investigated further by the CCA as non-administrative cases 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:

- virtual meetings of the ECN Food Subgroup;
- working meetings with the representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of the Economy relating to unfair trading practices, and
- working meetings in the European Commission in the area of unfair trade practices.