

# Table of Contents

The Author	3
List of Abbreviations	9
General Introduction	11
§1. GENERAL BACKGROUND OF THE INTEGRATED AREA	11
§2. THE ECONOMIC SYSTEM	16
§3. THE LEGAL SYSTEM	19
§4. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF ANTITRUST LAW IN MERCOSUR	26
Part I. The Structure of Antitrust Law and Its Enforcement	33
Chapter 1. Sources of Antitrust Law	33
§1. NATIONAL SOURCES	33
§2. INTERNATIONAL SOURCES	33
§3. SECONDARY SOURCES	35
I. Regulation and Guidelines	35
§4. SOURCES' RELATION AND HIERARCHY	36
§5. ROLE AND AUTHORITY OF PRECEDENTS	37
Chapter 2. Scope of Application	39
§1. TERRITORIAL REACHES, AND PERSONAL REACHES	39
§2. SPECIAL SECTORS	41
	5

## Table of Contents

§3. STATE OWNED ENTERPRISES AND STATE MONOPOLY	42
§4. SENSIBLE EFFECTS AND THE <i>DE MINIMIS</i>	43
Chapter 3. Overview of Substantive Provisions	44
Chapter 4. Overview of Main Notions	45
Chapter 5. Consequences of Violation and Enforcement Institutions	46
Part II. Administrative Procedure	47
Chapter 1. Administrative Investigations before the Antitrust Authority	47
§1. INITIATIVE	47
I. General Sectors Inquiries. II. Ex Officio Investigations. III. Complaints	47
§2. POWERS	48
I. Requests for Information: Investigating and Search Powers	48
II. Cooperation with Other State Institutions	48
§3. RIGHT OF DEFENCE	50
I. Content and Notification of Opening Decisions	50
II. Final Hearing and Decision	50
III. Judicial Protection	51
IV. Sanctions	51
Chapter 2. Voluntary Notifications	52
Chapter 3. Merge Control	53
Chapter 4. Challenging of the Administrative and Political Decisions	54
§1. FORTALEZA PROTOCOL FINAL PROVISIONS	54
§2. THE WRITING LAW AND THE REAL SITUATION	54
§3. FORTALEZA PROTOCOL REVISION	57

## Table of Contents

Part III. Decision 43/10 Further Cooperation or a Competition Law	59
§1. SOME NOTES ABOUT THE DECISION	59
§2. THE STRUCTURE OF THE DECISION 43/10	59
§3. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS	61
I. Purpose and the Scope of Application	61
II. Restrictive Conduct and Practices of Competition	61
III. Application Authorities	61
Selected Bibliography	65
Index	69

<http://www.pbookshop.com>