

FTC issues Fair Competition Response to COVID-19

FTC FAIR COMPETITION RESPONSE TO COVID-19: SELF ASSESSMENT FOR BUSINESS COLLABORATION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Fair Trading Commission (the Commission) wishes to remind the public that, under Section 13 of the Fair Competition Act, CAP. 326C, collaboration among competitors is prohibited. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission may allow collaboration between competitors under strict conditions. Businesses that are desirous of combining resources to provide relief to the public should ensure that the planned collaboration satisfies the following:

- ONLY caters to areas affected by the pandemic

- Assists with the provision of essential goods and services to customers, essential/front line workers and persons at risk

- Solely benefits the public

- Ensures security of supply (prevents shortage)

- Does not present with any other form of anticompetitive conduct (e.g. price fixing, tied selling, collusion, intentional exclusion of other businesses)

- Does not extend to areas or procedures not affected by the pandemic

For additional guidance, please see the Commission's Guidelines for Business Collaboration during the COVID-19 Pandemic, which may be accessed here or at [ftcbarbados](#) on Facebook and Instagram. For queries or concerns related to these or other fair competition matters, contact a Fair Competition officer at 424-0260, 424-0327 or info@ftc.gov.bb.

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