

## Abuse of dominant position in Albania based in jurisprudence

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### Abstract

Competition law and cartel<sup>1</sup> is the basis of a modern economy. While in the US, competition law exists and is terminologically known and is part of legislation since 1890 (Sherman Law), in Europe, it has become part of the founding treaties of the EU since 1957 by the Treaty of Rome. However, at that time, “culture of competition” would be born in the member states of the EU, which traditionally favor cartel agreements, state aid and the promotion of national products. Some EU member states have included competition law in their national legislation in the early 90-s.<sup>2</sup> Rules were set for the first time on competition in the coal and steel market under Articles 65 and 66 of the Treaty of Rome, constituted a new terminology for member states. Albania has worked during these 24 years of democracy, to apply the basic principles of market economy and along with it the Lisbon Treaty, Regulations and EU Directives in the frame of competition.

Main purpose of this manuscript is to give an overview of the abuse of dominant position in the frame of the most important court decision of this legal institution in Albania.

**Keywords:** dominant position, competition, development, commercial law, Albania.

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