

<b>CAMEROON</b>			
<b>COMPETITION FRAMEWORK</b>			
Competition Law	Law N° 98/013 (“Competition Act”) enacted on July 14, 1998, and the Decree N° 2005/1363/PM enacted on May 6, 2005 (Competition Decree).		
Competition Authority	The National Competition Commission. <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.mincommerce.gov.cm/mincommerce.php?lang=fr&amp;launch=07964f8dddeb95f">http://www.mincommerce.gov.cm/mincommerce.php?lang=fr&amp;launch=07964f8dddeb95f</a>		
<b>STATUS OF THE COMPETITION AUTHORITY</b>			
<b>Accountability</b>			
Does the Competition Authority have obligations before the Executive?	Yes	√	Obligations to report to the Executive on on-going investigations upon request.
		x	The decisions of the Competition Authority may be vetoed by a ministry or by the executive branch.
		√	The Competition Authority has to report on an annual basis to the Executive.
		<b>Other obligations/comments:</b> The annual report is prepared by the Technical Secretariat. <i>See</i> Competition Decree, art. 6.	
Does the Competition Authority have obligations before the Legislature?	No	x	Obligation to publish an annual report on its activities.
		x	Obligation to stand before Parliament and to respond to Congressmen on an annual basis.
		x	Its activities are monitored by an independent auditor or by oversight committees.
		<b>Other obligations/comments:</b> None.	
Does the Competition Authority have obligations before the Judiciary?	Yes	√	Decisions of the Competition Authority are subject to judicial review.
		<b>Other obligations/comments:</b> Competition Act, art. 43.	
<b>Independence</b>			
Are the criteria for appointment and removal of the head/board members clear and transparent?	Yes		
Does the Executive have powers to decide on specific cases based on public interest?	No		
Does the Executive retain decision-making powers over the Competition Authority?	No		
Is the Competition Authority obliged to publish its reasoned decisions to ensure transparency?	Yes		<i>See</i> Competition Decree, art. 13(2).
Is there a provision of the national budget allocated by law to the Competition Authority to ensure its proper functioning?	Yes		<i>See</i> Competition Decree, art. 17.
Can the Competition Authority be financed by its own means (notification fees, fines, etc.)?	No		Competition Act, art. 46.
<b>GOVERNANCE OF THE COMPETITION AUTHORITY</b>			
Is the Competition Authority governed by a single chairman or by a collegiate body?	Single Chairman		President, appointed by the Prime Minister
Does a minister appoint the heads?	Yes		
Do representatives of more than one government branch appoint the heads?	Yes		There are 15 members besides the President, appointed by different organizations.
Is there a fixed period during which removal is prohibited?	Yes		Three years. <i>See</i> Competition Decree, art. 3(4)
Is the tenure of the heads renewable?	Yes		Once. <i>See</i> Competition Decree, art. 3(4)
Are the heads required to have certain minimum qualifications (degree in law or economics, age, experience)?	No		
<b>ARCHITECTURE</b>			
Is the Competition Authority a stand-alone agency with an independent physical location or is it part of a bigger entity such as a minister?	No		
<b>POLICY-MAKING AGENTS -DIVERSIFICATION-</b>			
How many agencies are responsible for competition enforcement?	One		
Do sector regulators have competition policy	N/A		

enforcement mandate?			
Have the Competition Authority and other agencies signed protocols or memoranda of understanding?	Telecommunications Regulator	N/A	
	Energy Regulator	N/A	
	Transport Regulator	N/A	
	Other	N/A	
<b>POLICY DUTIES</b>			
Does the Competition Authority have exclusive mandate on competition or multiple mandates?	No	x	Concurrent consumer protection mandate.
		x	Concurrent IP mandate.
	Other mandates: None.		
<b>PORTFOLIO INSTRUMENTS</b>			
<b>Law Enforcement</b>			
Does the Competition Authority have powers to investigate cartels?	Yes	Competition Act, art. 22.	
Does the Competition Authority have powers to conduct dawn raids at premises?	Yes	Competition Act, art. 36 (c).	
Can the Competition Authority investigate <i>ex officio</i> cases?	Yes	Competition Act, art. 35(1).	
Does the Competition Authority have powers to accept leniency applications?	N/A		
Does the Competition Authority have powers to seek criminal punishment?	N/A		
<b>Advocacy</b>			
Can the Competition Authority issue opinions on draft legislation?	Yes	Competition Act, art. 22.	
Is the Executive and/or the Legislature obliged to request the opinion of the Competition Authority when drafting legislation that may impact competition?	N/A		
<b>Rulemaking</b>			
Can the Competition Authority issue guidelines or other type of secondary legislation?	N/A	N/A	Guidelines on the calculation of fines.
		N/A	Guidelines on merger control.
		N/A	Guidelines on the economic analysis of abuse of dominance cases.
<b>Research &amp; Reporting</b>			
Can the Competition Authority carry out market studies?	Yes		
Can the Competition Authority report to the Legislature on the results of market studies?	N/A		
<b>DECISION-MAKING FUNCTIONS</b>			
<b>Aggregated Functions</b>			
Does the Competition Authority make the decision to investigate and to prosecute cases?	Yes	See Competition Act, art. 39	
Does the Competition Authority make guilty findings?	Yes	See Competition Act, art. 39	
Does the Competition Authority impose punishments?	Yes	See Competition Act, art. 39	
Is there a single body that carries out the investigation and the guilty findings within the Competition Authority?	Yes		
Can the Competition Authority's decisions be appealed to a court?	Yes		
<b>Disaggregated Functions—Prosecutorial Model</b>			
Are there different institutions that make the decision to investigate and to prosecute cases?	No		
Are disputes presented for decision to a separate entity/tribunal?	No		