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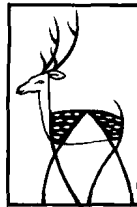
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The Nature of this Book

This book is designed as a working tool. It is a concise, highly practical guide to the leading cases which shape European competition law.

Cases in this book include judgments of the European Court of Justice and Court of First Instance as well as leading decisions of the European Commission. Reference is also made to a number of cases from the United States and from European Member States. The book covers over 250 cases, including the majority of cases that are taught in leading universities across Europe.

The book is divided into ten chapters, focusing in particular on Articles 81 and 82 EC and their public and private enforcement. A short introduction at the beginning of each chapter reviews the relevant regulations and guidelines and provides an analytical framework for the cases covered in the chapter. All case entries are accompanied by commentary which adds further context by, among other things, analysing the case in relation to other cases, regulations and guidelines.

In line with the functional approach at the heart of this book, case entries are concise. They include a mixture of quotes and summaries, extracting the main points of each case that are relevant to the chapter in which the case appears. The reader will not find long extracts from regulations or guidelines in this book. These are easily accessible in hard or electronic form.

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