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The First Decade of Fair Trade Commission in Taiwan: A Legal Historical Perspective

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Abstract

Taiwan Fair Trade Law, which came into force in 1992, was enacted in the global wave of industrial liberalization. This paper reviews key issues in its legislative process and the development of its enforcement, dividing past ten years into three periods. It also points out the reactions of the authority concerned, Fair Trade Commission, to various challenges and thereby carrying out its commitments. The authors also examine the roles of Fair Trade Commission both as a competition advocate and a regulator on unfair trading behaviors in three separate sectors. In the end, they try to give some further suggestions to Fair Trade Commission, both on the substantive and organizational aspects, in hope of more effective enforcement of Fair Trade Law in the future.

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