

No Antitrust Violation in Standard-Setting Deception

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Overturning a decision by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit ruled that a computertechnology developer did not unlawfully monopolize the market by deceiving a standard-setting organization.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit decided that a consumer suit alleging a conspiracy to block the importation of lowerpriced cars from Canada should not have been certified as a class action. Other recent antitrust developments of note included the European Commission's approval of the merger of a leading supplier of portable navigation devices with one of only two providers of digital mapping for such devices.