

FTC and DOJ Announce Changes to Premerger Reporting Requirements

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The Federal Trade Commission ("FTC"), with the concurrence of the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice (together the "agencies"), has announced the amendment of the form, related instructions, and rules for parties required to file for antitrust review of proposed mergers and acquisitions under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvement Act of 1976, as amended ("HSR Act") and the Premerger Notification Rules ("Rules"), effective in early August. These changes increase the burden of premerger notification in some respects, but reduce the burden in others.