



Competition Commission South Africa

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# South Africa's experience

# COVID-19

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- **Enforcement of excessive pricing against firms that excessively increased prices of face masks, hand sanitizers and other essentials during the COVID-19 pandemic.**
- **Swift action for exemptions during the pandemic to support the healthcare, banking, retail and commercial property sectors.**





- **Measures to support SMEs for post COVID-19 recovery.**
    - ◆ **Addressing long-term exclusive lease agreements between property owners and supermarkets.**
    - ◆ **Issuing guidelines for enhancing competition in the automotive aftermarket aimed at removing restrictions imposed by OEMs on service, maintenance and repair of cars.**
    - ◆ **Agreeing with major local banks to do away with contractual clauses that prevented law firms appointed to provide conveyancing services from acting against the banks on any matter. These exclusionary clauses created barriers for small and particularly firms owned by historically disadvantaged persons to expand in the market.**
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- **Supporting economic growth.**

On this, the government has adopted an Economic Recovery Plan to support a massive increase in local production and to make South African exports globally competitive. In this regard, the government has identified 42 products ranging from edible oils to furniture, fruit concentrates, personal protective equipment, steel products and green economy inputs – that can be sourced locally. And to achieve this, the government is championing sector master plans involving businesses at various levels of the value chains. Most of these interventions will require firm-level coordination, as such the Competition Commission provides advise to the government to ensure the master plans do not violate competition laws, and where they do ensure that appropriate exemptions are considered or master plans refined.

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