



Amazon Abuse of dominant position

AGCM - Decision of the 30th of November 2021





1. Amazon - The conviction for abuse of a dominant position

The Italian Antitrust Authority (AGCM) concluded a complex investigation on the 30th of November 2021, condemning Amazon for abusing its dominant position by distorting normal competition in the e-commerce logistics and marketplace sectors.

Amazon, according to the Authority's assessment, has abused its position of dominance by conditioning the possibility for third party sellers to be successful on Amazon, to the purchase of its own logistics service, called FBA.

Considering the unlawful behavior, began at least in 2016 and continued till the publication of the sentence, the Authority imposed a fine of more than 1.1 billion, paving the way for damages' actions suffered by competitors and third-party sellers.

Although not definitive at the time of writing, Authority'ruling allows companies that have used the platform for selling their products as well as those operating in the logistics sector for e-commerce and marketplaces, to be entitled of compensation.

Libra offers assistance to injured parties in quantifying and recovering their losses, without any risk or upfront costs for them.





2. Case sheet

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Damager: Amazon

Potential damaged:

A. companies that from 2016 to 2021 inclusive have offered services in Italy in the area of logistics for e-commerce.

B. companies that from 2016 to 2021 inclusive have offered marketplace services for the online sale of goods on Italian territory.

C. Companies that have offered their goods for sale on the Amazon marketplace, so-called 'third-party sellers'





3. About us

We realize your rights without any cost and without risk.

Libra is Italian leader in compensation for damages caused by anticompetitive practices in litigation funding and investment recovery. Our work team is made up of over three hundred professionals, including the world's leading experts in the sector.

We support our clients in all phases of the compensation, starting from the collection of necessary documentation, up to negotiation and eventually litigation. We fund complex and high-value disputes for which the damaged party does not wish or cannot bear the costs necessary for recovery.

Thanks to strong relationships with investment funds, we offer the possibility to obtain the finance of complex and high value disputes, for which the damaged party does not want or cannot bear the costs necessary for recovery. We bring to our clients the expertise, skills and experience of those who invented the cartel compensation market.

Our partners have over thirty years of extraordinary track record in the sector, having dealt with the most relevant cases in the United States and Europe, and over twenty years of experience in litigation funding.

Our commercial network is made up of 250 high-profile consultants, organised in 11 offices throughout the Italian territory.





4. Antitrust actions

We provide assistance to companies damaged by abuse of a dominant position, cartels and anti-competitive practices in recovering their losses.

Libra constantly monitors the market, tracks the ongoing investigations and studies the decisions of the Italian and international antitrust authorities concerning the violation of competition rules, in particular abusing of dominant position or price fixing. **Libra** identifies the most relevant and well-founded cases, funding all the charges and expenses incurred by the damaged companies for the recovery of the losses, without any risk.

We support our clients in all phases of the compensation, starting from the collection of necessary documentation, up to negotiation and eventually litigation.

These are not class actions but single procedures, usually brought together, in which each damaged company is subject to specific analysis and assistance.

We are aware that, in most cases, the relationship with suppliers is deeply strategic; therefore, although an anticompetitive and harmful conduct has been ascertained, it may be preferable not to initiate a dispute.

For such reason, confidential and high-profile negotiations are always privileged, with a view to identifying the best solution for fair compensation and, at the same time, maintaining the supply contract in force.





On the contrary, if the supplier is not available to negotiate, upon consent of the damaged customer, **Libra** proceeds in court, worldwide, with the help of the leading experts in the sector.

We share the information and data with our clients and update them in real time on the progress of the recovery claim, from the opening of the case until the final outcome.







5. How the Antitrust Action works

The procedure for recovering damages for breach of antitrust rules.

Libra shares with its clients the interest in obtaining a rapid and fair recovery of the lost capital, financing all costs and retaining a share of the compensation only upon actual payment.

Libra carefully verifies the conditions and the overall dynamics of the supplies, informing our clients of the concrete possibilities of recovery, without any charge.

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Litigation funding allows lawsuits to be decided on their merits, and not based on which party has deeper pockets or stronger appetite for protracted litigation.

New York Supreme Court Justice Eileen Bransten