



# Department of Justice

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The Department of Justice today released guidelines outlining its standards for determining whether to oppose corporate acquisitions or mergers under Section 7 of the Clayton Act.

Attorney General Ramsey Clark said the purpose of the guidelines is to insure that the business community, the legal profession and other interested persons are informed of the Department's policy of enforcing Section 7 of the Clayton Act.

Mr. Clark expressed hope that the guidelines would provide a basis for a continuing dialogue between government and business concerning the role and scope of anti-merger enforcement in the maintenance of a free competitive economy.

The Department anticipates that it will amend the guidelines from time to time, Mr. Clark said, to reflect changes in enforcement policy that might result from subsequent court decisions, comments of interested parties, or Department reevaluations.

Because changes in enforcement policy will be made as the occasion demands and will usually precede the issuance of amended guidelines, the Department said that the existence of unamended guidelines should not be regarded as barring it from taking any action it deems necessary to achieve the purposes of Section 7.

A copy of the guidelines is attached.