

ICN Merger Working Group

Framework for Merger Review Cooperation

What is the Framework?

- The **ICN Framework for Merger Review Cooperation** promotes effective and efficient cooperation in multijurisdictional merger review.
- The Framework:
 - Provides a basis for enforcement cooperation in merger review.
 - Provides contact details for liaison officers at around 60 participating agencies.
 - Identifies approaches to the exchange of information.

What types of information can be exchanged?

- The scope of information exchanged pursuant to cooperation will depend on the specific laws and rules governing confidentiality in each jurisdiction.
- The ICN has identified categories of information together with examples, see https://www.jftc.go.jp/en/int_relations/icn_files/MFW_Exchange_Types_of_Information.pdf.

How can you exchange information through the Framework?

- Once you sign on to the framework, you may obtain a **member list** in which contact information of liaison officers at all participating ICN members are listed.
- You may request information from a specific member authority (or authorities) through the listed liaison officer.
- The ICN has developed an optional **request form** that you can find on https://www.jftc.go.jp/en/int_relations/icn_files/MFW_Example_of_Information_Request_Form.docx.
- Cooperation is voluntary and the requested authority provides information at its discretion.

How can you join the Framework?

- Download and fill out the registration form on https://www.jftc.go.jp/en/int_relations/icn_files/MFW_Registration_Form.doc.
- Send the completed form by email to icn@jftc.go.jp.
- Member Registration Completed!

Already a Framework Member?

- If there are any changes to the liaison officers registered for the Framework, please email the changes to icn@jftc.go.jp.