

Report of Study Group on Data and Competition Policy

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In recent years, it is expected that knowledge derived from “big data” analysis will inspire further innovation across the existing industrial boundaries in the context of the spread of Internet of Things (IoT)^(Note) and the advancement of artificial intelligence-related technology. The increasing importance of data utilization in business activities makes it necessary to consider the competition policy issues in order to promote data utilization.

In these circumstances, JFTC established “Study Group on Data and Competition Policy” (Chair: Akira Goto, Emeritus Professor at the University of Tokyo) in Competition Policy Research Center and Study Group has held six meetings since January this year to clarify the issues of competition policy and the Antimonopoly Act relating to accumulation and utilization of data.

CPRC has compiled a report of Study Group based on the discussions thus far and publish it herein.

(Note) The term Internet of Things or IoT refers to the progress of digitalization of the information related to things and of automation based thereon, which lead to creation of new value, under the situation wherein everything including automobiles, home electrical appliance, robots, establishments, etc. is connected to the Internet and information thereon is exchanged over the Internet.

*Every announcement is tentative translation. Please refer to the original text written in Japanese for more details.

*The detailed translation will be posted later.