

The JFTC Seeks Information and Comments from Third Parties Concerning the Proposed Acquisition
of Activision Blizzard, Inc. by Microsoft Corporation

June 16, 2022

Japan Fair Trade Commission

The Japan Fair Trade Commission (hereinafter referred to as the “JFTC”) has been reviewing possible impacts on competition from the proposed acquisition of Activision Blizzard, Inc. (headquartered in the U.S.) by Microsoft Corporation (headquartered in the U.S.), and decided to seek information and comments from third parties concerning possible impacts on competition that would arise from the proposed acquisition in the manner described below.

It is noted that this does not mean that the proposed acquisition would pose any concerns with respect to the Antimonopoly Act.

1. Submission of information and comments

Please submit your information and comments by postal mail or e-mail, identifying your name, address and contact information (telephone number and/or e-mail address). If you submit your comments as a corporation or an association, please identify the location of the main office, the name of a corporation or an association and the name of a liaison person. Please describe, in Japanese, possible impacts on competition that you consider the proposed acquisition would have, with as much detail as possible. Submitting information and comments by phone is not acceptable.

(Reference)

Both Microsoft Group (Microsoft Corporation and a group of companies held and controlled by Microsoft Corporation) and Activision Blizzard Group (Activision Blizzard, Inc. and a group of companies held and controlled by Activision Blizzard, Inc.) operate in the game industry.

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(2) Due date

July 15th, 2022, no later than 6 p.m. (GMT+9)

2. Privacy policy

Information and comments received will be used only for the purpose of reviewing the proposed acquisition. Please note that the JFTC will not make individual responses to the information and comments.

It is noted that the JFTC asks for your identification and contact information for the communication purpose where any clarifications may be needed on your information and comments. The information provided will not be used for any other purposes.