JFTC surcharged participants in bidding for clinical laboratory test called by national/public hospitals

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Fair Trade Commission

As for bids called by national/public hospitals, the JFTC ordered 6 participants in tendering for contracts of clinical laboratory test to pay surcharge in accordance with Section 48-2(1) of the Antimonopoly Act.

1. Violation related to surcharge (recommendation 13 February 2003, decisions 14 March 2003)

In Tokyo area, Nagoya area, Osaka area and Fukuoka area, the participants conspired to rig bids by predetermining bidder to enter into contracts of clinical laboratory test let through competitive bidding by national/public hospitals. This act infringed Section 3(unreasonable restricts of trade) of the Antimonopoly Act in each area.

2. The total amount of surcharge

	Violators (Corporations)	Violators surcharged	Surcharge (Thousand Yen)
Tokyo	6	3	23,340
Nagoya	9	5	7,490
Osaka	8	6	31,290
Fukuoka	5	3	6,720
Gross (Actual)	28 (10)	17 (6)	68,840

2 other companies on Tokyo area, 3 other companies on Nagoya area, 2 other companies on Osaka area, 2 other companies on Fukuoka are under hearing procedures.

3. The due date of payment: 9 February 2004