



Competition and Consumer Affairs Commission of Guyana

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Establishment of the CCAC

- The Competition and Consumer Affairs Commission of Guyana (CCAC) is a body corporate established under the Competition and Fair Trading Act of Guyana (2006) (CFTA) and is charged with administering and enforcing the CFTA and the Consumer Affairs Act (2011) CAA.
- Fully operational since September 2011.



Goals of the CCAC

- Keep under review commercial activities with a view to ascertaining practices which may adversely affect the economic interests of consumers;



Goals of the CCAC (cont'd.)

- Order, on its own initiative or at the request of any person or on the advice of the portfolio Minister, such investigations in relation to the conduct of business as will enable it to determine whether any enterprise is engaging in business practices in contravention of the CFTA and or the CAB;



Goals of the CCAC (cont'd)

- Conduct such enquiries as it may consider necessary or desirable in connection with any matter falling within the provisions of the CFTA and or the CAB ;
- Advise the Minister on such matters relating to the operation of the CFTA and the CAB as it thinks fit or as may be requested by the Minister;



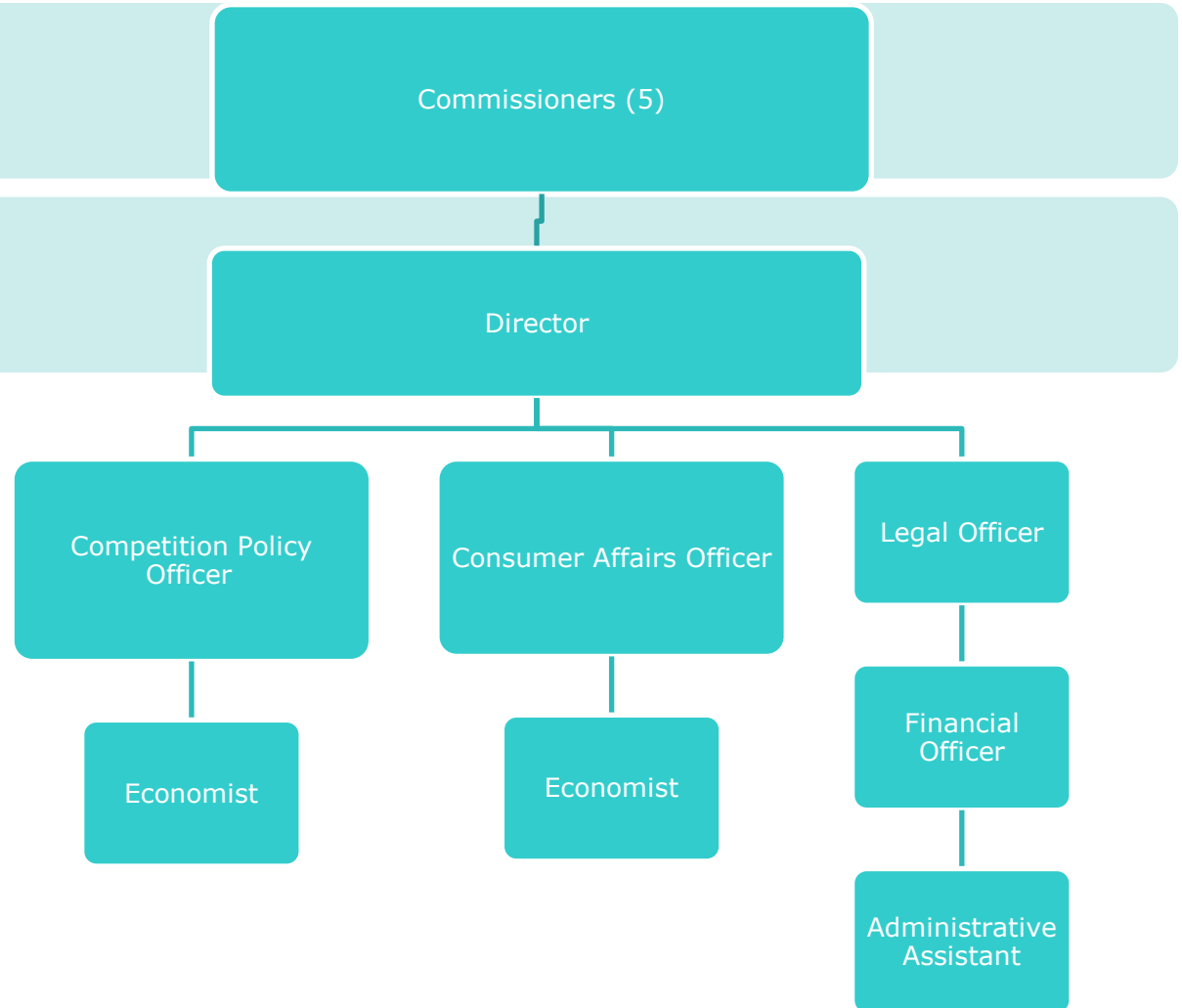
Goals of CCAC (cont'd)


- Take such action as it considers necessary with respect to the abuse of a dominant position by any enterprise or misuse by a firm(s) of its position against consumers;
- Eliminate anti-competitive agreements; and
- Carry out such other functions as are required to give effect to the CFTA and or the CAB.

Organizational Structure

The current structure of the CCAC requires 5 Commissioners, one being Chairman of the Board.

The Director is responsible for managing the day to day operations of the Commission and advising the Commissioners





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Human Resource Training

- Development of an internal training programme
- External training facilitators
- Short-term external technical expertise



2014 and Beyond Human Resource Training

- Twinning programme with other competition agencies
- Ongoing case handling training programme for CCAC staff
- Local educational infrastructure for the training of professionals in competition law



Institutional Building-up of Knowledge

- Laying the foundation
 - Legal Inventory Study
 - Economic Survey



Institutional Building up of Knowledge (cont'd)

- Legal Inventory Study
 - review all laws, subsidiary regulations, administrative ordinances, and government policies to ascertain to what extent they contradict the CFTA
 - make recommendations for remedying contradictions

Institutional Building-up of Knowledge (cont'd)

○ Economic Survey

- Will facilitate an assessment, inter alia, of
 - 1.) existing market structures in Guyana,
 - 2.) existing barriers to entry, growth and/or expansion
 - 3.) the typical modes of abusive market conduct
 - 4.) relevant market shares for firms and concentration levels in key sectors.



Knowledge Management Plan

- Development of a portfolio of policy instruments and priorities
- Development of database
- Education and advocacy programmes



Challenges

- Limited financial resources
- High employee turnover
- Lack of professional expertise in Guyana
- Inadequate local understanding of competition law

Credit

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Questions

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