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RECENT DEVELOPMENT OF INDONESIAN FOOD RETAIL INDUSTRY

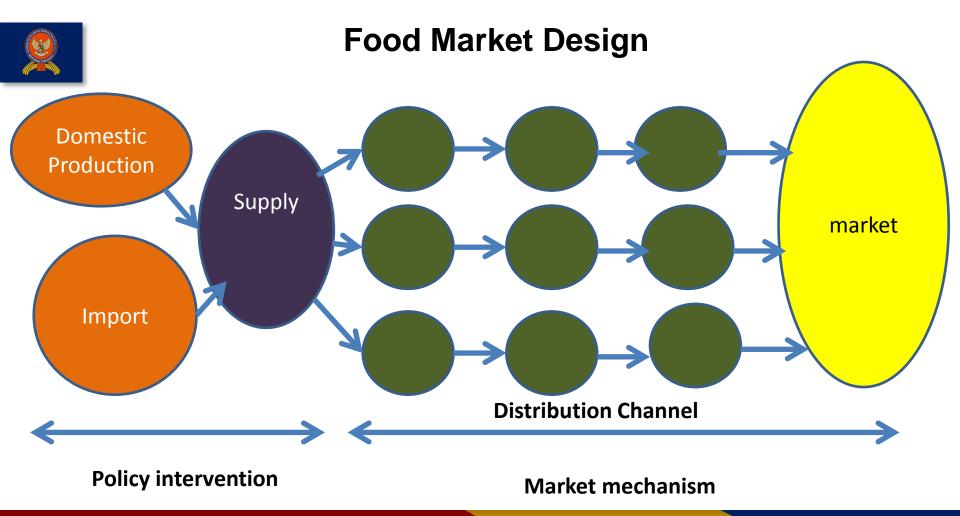
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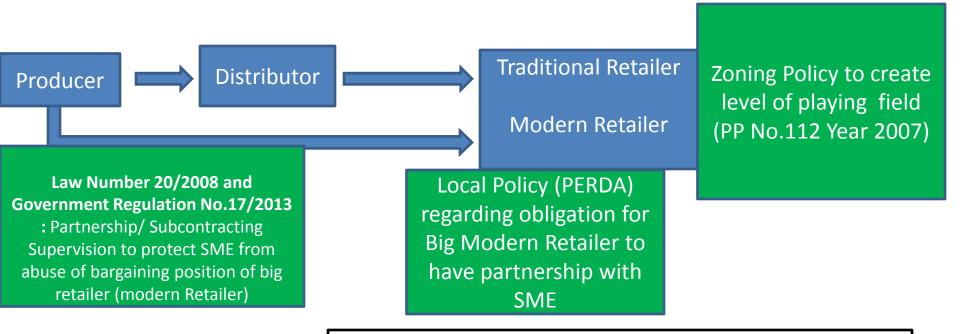
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POLICY UPDATE ON RETAIL INDUSTRY



More improvement is still possible, it need comprehensive evaluation to have progressive approach



ECONOMIC AND LEGAL BARRIER

Economic barrier

listing fee and other similar fee have seriously impeding SME ability to grow their bussiness and to be exposed to wider customer, most of it is provoked by the big retailer.

Solution: monitor the contract of subcontracting or partnership between SME and big retailer

Legal Barrier

Import has become a necessary to fulfill domestic demand, unfortunately import licenses is one of profound barrier and causing price increase in certain period of time. Import policy regarding strategic food commodity has been reviewed by KPPU and healthy competition principles are advocated to the relevant agency to ensure competitive nature of the market.



- It is a priority in Indonesia especially in the context of food commodities which have significant impact to people's welfare
- Size of food commodities market are tremendous and price fluctuation urges a greater need for policy intervention especially in food commodity which have serious anticompetitive indication.



CHOICE AND INNOVATION

- Types of food product available to consumer: generic (mostly on traditional retailer), white label product and branded product (mostly on modern retailer)
- Price difference between these types gives clear signal about quality and their respective attribute. Consumers are aware about this character and variety is something welcomed. Consumers have ability to switch between retailer as appropriate.
- Consumer happy with a fair dealings because they can have competitive price and ample variety



CONCLUSION

- Policy intervention in food retail industry is meant to address price fluctuation and unjustified price increase to strategic food product.
- Competition in retailer has been improved and differentiation between retailer give benefit to consumer.
- Continous KPPU's supervision on partnership/subcontracting will support empowerment of SME and hindering abuse of bargaining position from big modern retailer





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