

JORDAN*		
COMPETITION FRAMEWORK		
Competition Law	The Competition Law no. 33 was enacted in 2004.	
Competition Authority	Competition Directorate at the Ministry of Industry and Trade. Website: <a href="http://www.mit.gov.io/Default.aspx?tabid=527">http://www.mit.gov.io/Default.aspx?tabid=527</a>	
STATUS OF THE COMPETITION AUTHORITY		
Accountability		
Does the Competition Authority have obligations before the executive?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Obligations to report to the executive Branch on on-going investigations upon request. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The decisions of the Competition Authority may be vetoed by a ministry or by the executive branch. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Competition Authority has to report on an annual basis to the executive.
Does the Competition Authority have obligations before the legislature?	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Obligation to publish an annual report on its activities. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Obligation to stand before parliament and to respond to congressmen on an annual basis. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Its activities are monitored by an independent auditor or by oversight committees.
Does the Competition Authority have obligations before the judiciary?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decisions of the Competition Authority are subject to judicial review.
Independence		
Are the criteria for appointment and removal of the head/board members clear and transparent?	Yes	
Does the executive have powers to decide on specific cases based on public interest?	Yes	The minister can exempt application of competition laws by a reasoned decision and it shall not be considered anticompetitive if they lead to positive results with a common benefit that cannot be achieved without the exemption. <i>See</i> Article 7(b) of the Competition Law. Also in article 4(e), the Minister may limit authorization of such practices mentioned earlier in the statute to a fixed period of time or subject them to periodic review.
Does the executive retain decision-making powers over the Competition Authority?	Yes	
Is the Competition Authority obliged to publish its reasoned decisions to ensure transparency?	No	
Is there a provision of the national budget allocated by law to the Competition Authority to ensure its proper functioning?	No	
Can the Competition Authority be financed by its own means (notification fees, fines, etc.)?	No	
GOVERNANCE OF THE COMPETITION AUTHORITY		
Is the Competition Authority governed by a single chairman or by a collegiate body?	Collegiate body	
Are the heads appointed by a minister?	Yes	
Are the heads appointed by representatives of more than one government branch?	No	
Is there a fixed period during which removal is prohibited?	No	
Is the tenure of the heads renewable?	Yes	
Are the heads required to have certain minimum qualifications (degree in law or economics, age, experience)?	Yes	
ARCHITECTURE		
Is the Competition Authority a stand-alone agency with an independent physical location or is it part of a bigger entity such as a minister?	Stand-alone agency.	
POLICY-MAKING AGENTS -DIVERSIFICATION-		
How many agencies are responsible for competition enforcement?	One agency.	
Do sector regulators have competition policy enforcement mandate?	Telecommunications regulator	Yes

	Energy regulator	No	
	Transport regulator	Yes	
	Other	No	
Have the Competition Authority and other agencies signed protocols or memoranda of understanding?	Yes		
<b>POLICY DUTIES</b>			
Does the Competition Authority have exclusive mandate on competition or multiple mandates?	Exclusive competition mandate	X	Concurrent consumer protection mandate.
		X	Concurrent IP mandate.
		Other mandates: None	
<b>PORTFOLIO INSTRUMENTS</b>			
<b>Law Enforcement</b>			
Does the Competition Authority have powers to investigate cartels?	Yes		
Does the Competition Authority have powers to conduct dawn raids at premises?	Yes		
Can the Competition Authority investigate <i>ex officio</i> cases?	Yes		
Does the Competition Authority have powers to accept leniency applications?	No		
Does the Competition Authority have powers to accept seek criminal punishment?	No		
<b>Advocacy</b>			
Can the Competition Authority issue opinions on draft legislation?	Yes	The opinions are not binding.	
Is the executive and/or the legislature obliged to request the opinion of the Competition Authority when drafting legislation that may impact competition?	No		
<b>Rulemaking</b>			
Can the Competition Authority issue guidelines or other type of secondary legislation?	Yes	X	Guidelines on the calculation of fines.
		X	Guidelines on merger control.
		X	Guidelines on the economic analysis of abuse of dominance.
<b>Research &amp; Reporting</b>			
Can the Competition Authority carry out market studies?	No		
Can the Competition Authority report to the legislature on the results of market studies?	No		
<b>DECISION-MAKING FUNCTIONS</b>			
<b>Aggregated Functions</b>			
Does the Competition Authority make the decision to investigate and to prosecute cases?	Yes		
Does the Competition Authority make guilty findings?	Yes		
Does the Competition Authority impose punishments?	Yes		
Is there a single body that carries out the investigation and the guilty findings within the Competition Authority?	Yes		
Can the Competition Authority's decisions be appealed to a court?	Yes		
<b>Disaggregated Functions—Prosecutorial Model</b>			
Are there different authorities that make the decision to investigate and to prosecute cases?	No		
Are disputes presented for decision to a separate entity/tribunal?	No		
* Data based on public sources.			