

## *Wiretapping and Bounty Scheme in Turkish Competition Law*

The Turkish Competition Authority (**TCA**) has recently issued its Strategic Plan (**Plan**) for the period of 2014 to 2018.

The aim of the Plan is to determine the next steps to be taken by the TCA on the way to becoming a more efficient and up-to-date competition authority. For this purpose, a SWOT (Strengths-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Threats) analysis has been carried out in the Plan to identify the areas that need to be developed. Based on the outcome of this analysis, the TCA has proposed some changes in the following areas: policy development, competition advocacy, regulations, inspections, and management.

Within the Plan, the most innovative policy changes have been proposed in the area of regulations and inspections. The table below summarises these proposals, the reasons behind them, and their expected dates of entry into force:

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Expected Date of Entry</b>
Introduce wiretapping as an inspection tool into Act No 4054 on the protection of competition	To determine competition violations more effectively	End of 2018
Introduce a bounty scheme (cash reward) for cartel whistle-blowers	To make the current leniency regime more efficient	End of 2018
Change the current regulation on the determination of fines	To put an end to current controversies on the issue and to align with EU regulations	Within 2014 (The draft proposal has already been shared with the public)
Change the current regulation regarding group exemption conditions for the motor vehicle sector	To ease the unnecessary burdens on sector participants, stemming from the current group exemption rules, and to align with EU regulations	Within 2014

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