

Cartels and Leniency

Leniency programs are key tools of enforcement agencies for tackling cartels. Under leniency programs, cartel participants that report anticompetitive agreements to enforcers can avoid fines and criminal sanctions. These programs help destabilize cartels by incentivizing participants to inform enforcers about the cartel.

Reading

Required Reading

[US DOJ Leniency FAQ pp. 1–5, 14–19, 32–35](#)

[Deputy Assistant Attorney General Richard A. Powers Delivers Remarks at the 13th International Cartel Workshop \(February 19, 2020\)](#)

Strategic Leniency and Cartel Enforcement, *American Economic Review*, Vol. 99, No. 3, 750-68 (2009).

Recommended Reading

[International Competition Network: Guidance on Enhancing Cross-Border Leniency Cooperation \(June 2020\)](#)