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<https://profit.pakistantoday.com.pk/2024/07/03/ccp-begins-hearing-on-collusive-pricing-case-against-fertilizer-manufacturers-advisory-council/>

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<https://islamabadpost.com.pk/ccp-hearing-on-suspected-collusive-pricing-by-fertilizer-manufacturers/>

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CCP Starts Hearing of Case on Price Collusion by Fertilizer Firms

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<https://www.telecoalert.com/2024/07/02/ccp-has-commenced-hearing-in-collusive-fertilizer-pricing-case/>

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CCP initiates hearing in fertilizer price collusion case



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<https://mettisglobal.news/ccp-initiates-hearing-in-fertilizer-price-collusion-case/>

CCP Conducts Hearing On Suspected Collusive Pricing By Fertilizer Manufacturers

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<https://newztoday's.com/ccp-conducts-hearing-on-suspected-collusive-pricing/>

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فریڈائزر مینوفیکچررز کیخلاف سماعت شروع

اسلام آباد (ارشاد انصاری سے) مسابقتی
کمیشن آف پاکستان نے مہینہ ساز باز سے یوریا کی
قیمت مقرر کرنے کے الزام کی سماعت شروع کر
دی۔ یہ سماعت فریڈائزر مینوفیکچررز آف پاکستان کی
ایڈوائزری کونسل کی رکن کمپنیوں کے نومبر 2021
کو شائع اشتہار پر ہو رہی (باقی صفحہ 5 نمبر 33)

33 مسابقتی کمیشن

ہے، جس میں یوریا کی ریٹیل قیمت کا اعلان کیا
گیا۔ مسابقتی کمیشن کے مطابق چھ کھاد کمپنیوں کا
ریٹیل قیمت سے متعلق اشتہار بادی النظر میں
کمپنیشن ایکٹ کے سیکشن 4 کی خلاف ورزی تھا،
کمپنیوں کو شوکا ز نوٹس جاری کئے۔

فرٹیلائرزمینوفیکچرز کیلئے قیمتوں کے تعین پر سی پی اسماعت

سماعت ایف ایم پی اے سی کی جانب سے شائع کردہ اشتہار کے سلسلے میں کی گئی

اسلام آباد (نئی بات نیوز) کمپنیشن کمیشن آف پاکستان نے مبینہ سازباز سے قیمتوں کے تعین کے متعلق کیس کی سُنوائی کا آغاز کر دیا ہے۔ یہ سماعت فرٹیلائرزمینوفیکچرز آف پاکستان ایڈوائزرز کونسل (ایف ایم پی اے سی) اور اس کے ممبران کی جانب سے نومبر 2021 کو شائع کردہ اشتہار کے سلسلے میں کی گئی ہے۔ ایف ایم پی اے سی اور اس کی چھ سرکردہ فرٹیلائرزمینوفیکچرنگ کمپنیوں کو بادی النظر میں کمپنیشن ایکٹ 2010 کے سیکشن 4 کی خلاف ورزی کرنے پر شوکانوٹس جاری کئے گئے تھے۔ سی پی نے نومبر 2021 میں شائع ہونے والے ایف ایم پی اے سی کے اشتہار کے بعد اس معاملے پر انکوآری کا آغاز کیا تھا۔ اس اشتہار میں یوریا کی زیادہ سے زیادہ ریٹیل قیمت (ایم آر پی) کا اعلان کیا گیا تھا۔ ایف ایم پی اے سی کی طرف سے جاری اشتہار کی اشاعت کے بعد سی پی کی طرف سے کی گئی انکوآری نے مختلف اضلاع میں فرٹیلائرزمینوفیکچرز کے سائز اور مارکیٹ شیئر مختلف ہونے کے باوجود یکساں قیمتوں کا پیٹرن نوٹ کیا جو کہ سازباز پر مبنی رویے کی طرف اشارہ کرتا ہے۔

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کھاد کی قیمتوں میں تعین میں ساز باز معاملہ تحقیقات شروع، 7 بڑی کمپنیاں شامل

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اسلام آباد (یو ڈیک) کمیشن آف پاکستان (سی پی) نے مہینہ ساز باز سے قیمتوں کے تعین کے متعلق کیس کی سنوائی کا آغاز کر دیا ہے۔ یہ سماعت فریڈا نر مینو فیکچررز آف پاکستان ایڈوانسزری کونسل (ایف ایم پی اے سی) اور اس کے ممبران کی جانب سے نومبر 2021 کو شائع کردہ اشتہار کے سلسلے میں کی گئی ہے۔

ایف ایم پی اے سی اور اس کی چھ سرکردہ فریڈا نر مینو فیکچرنگ کمپنیوں کو ہادی انظر میں کمیشن ایکٹ 2010 کے سیکشن 4 کی خلاف ورزی کرنے پر شوکاژ نوٹس جاری کئے گئے تھے۔ سی پی نے نومبر 2021 میں شائع ہونے والے ایف ایم پی اے سی کے اشتہار کے بعد اس معاملے پر انکوآری کا آغاز کیا تھا۔ اس اشتہار میں یورپا کی زیادہ سے زیادہ شیل قیمت (ایم آر پی) کا اعلان کیا گیا تھا۔

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کمیشن قانون کے نقطہ نظر سے، ایسوسی ایشن کی طرف سے قیمتوں کا اعلان ممنوع ہے۔ سی پی نے متعدد بار کاروباری ایسوسی ایشنز کو ہدایت کی ہے کہ وہ قیمتوں کے تعین یا دیگر ساز باز کے طریقوں میں ملوث ہونے سے گریز کریں۔

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سي سي پي طرفان ايف ايم پي اي سي ۽ ان جي ميمبرن خلاف سنوائي جو آغاز

ايم پي اي سي ۽ فرٽيلائيزر ڪمپنين کي ڪمپيٽيشن ايڪٽ تحت نوٽيس جاري ڪيا ويا هئا

2021 ۾ شايع ٿيندڙ ايم پي اي سي جي اشتهار بعد معاملي جي انڪوائري جو آغاز ڪيو ويو هو

سي سي ۽ ان جي سرڪرده فرٽيلائيزر مينيو فيڪچرنگ ڪمپنين کي ڪمپيٽيشن ايڪٽ 2010 جي سيڪشن 4 جي خلاف ورزي ڪرڻ تي شوڪاز نوٽيس جاري ڪيا ويا هئا، سي سي پي نومبر 2021 ۾ شايع ٿيندڙ ايف ايم پي اي سي جي اشتهار جي بعد ان معاملي جي انڪوائري جو آغاز ڪيو هو، ان اشتهار ۾ يوريا جي وڌ کان وڌ ريتيل قيمت ايم آر پي جو اعلان ڪيو هو

اسلام آباد (پ ر) ڪمپيٽيشن ڪميشن آف پاڪستان (سي سي پي) مابين گڏ جوڙ ذريعي قيمتون مقرر ڪرڻ بابت ڪيس جي سنوائي جو آغاز ڪيو آهي، هي سنوائي فرٽيلائيزر مينيو فيڪچرز آف پاڪستان ايڊوائيزري ڪونسل (ايف ايم پي اي سي) ۽ ان جي ميمبرن طرفان نومبر 2021 ۾ شايع ٿيل اشتهارن جي سلسلي ۾ ڪئي وئي آهي ايم پي اي