Concentration control – relief for entrepreneurs

* **The President of UOKiK has updated the explanations regarding concentration control. This will reduce the number of transactions reported by entrepreneurs to the Office.**
* **We would also like to remind you that in complicated cases, it is possible to meet with UOKiK’s representatives, also before submitting a notification application.**
* **In addition, we invite representatives of law firms to workshops that we organise to discuss the most common errors and omissions in the applications.**

**[Warsaw, 2 April 2025]** The [explanations regarding the criteria and procedure for notifying the intention to concentrate to the President of UOKiK](https://uokik.gov.pl/Download/1218) were updated.The aim of the changes is to adapt the document and the activities of UOKiK to the current market situation and to further limit the number of reportable concentrations to those that have real effects in Poland. The lack of effects of certain extraterritorial transactions involving the formation of a joint venture in our country has been clarified. In addition to the current information that the creation of an entity that does not operate in Poland is not subject to notification to the President of the Office, there is also information that it also concerns a situation in which the new entrepreneur does not plan to conduct such activity within the next three years. This means that the concentrations reported to UOKiK do not have to be joint ventures that do not concern Poland at the time of the transaction and are not planned in the near future.

We would like to remind you that this is another update of the explanations provided recently to help entrepreneurs and their representatives. [The change](https://uokik.gov.pl/kontrola-koncentracji-aktualizacja-wyjasnien-prezesa-uokik) introduced in October 2024 specified in more detail the criteria for when a foreign concentration can have effects in Poland and is subject to the control of the President of the Office. The update has resulted in a lower number of reportable concentrations of this kind.

– We are changing the explanations to limit the number of obligatory reported concentrations to those that have a real impact on the territory of Poland. By doing so, we want to help businesses to carry out transactions more efficiently by reducing bureaucracy. This is also why you have the option to consult with our employees before submitting an application for concentration approval. We also organise workshops for law firms to reduce the time needed to obtain approvals for company mergers or acquisitions by eliminating formal deficiencies, says President of UOKiK Tomasz Chróstny.

**Consultations**

Although the Act on Competition and Consumer Protection does not provide for a formal prenotification procedure, we would like to remind you that in particularly complex cases, it is possible to meet with the employees of the Concentration Control Department at the stage prior to notifying the transaction. For this purpose, please contact us by phone - 22 55 60 122 or by e-mail: dkk@uokik.gov.pl. In addition, entrepreneurs can obtain an interpretation from the President of UOKiK regarding the regulations concerning concentration control or the scope of required information and documents.

**Workshops for lawyers**

We also invite business representatives to a workshop for law firms on concentration control. The meetings will be devoted to discussing the most common mistakes and deficiencies in applications. UOKiK’s experience shows that in many cases this is often the main reason for the duration of proceedings. The workshops will be held on three dates this year: **29 April, 5 June and 25 September 2025**, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the headquarters of UOKiK in Warsaw (Pl. Powstańców Warszawy 1, room A2, entrance A), with the possibility of online participation.Please apply by: 18 April, 23 May and 12 September 2025 respectively to the following e-mail address dkk@uokik.gov.pl.