

# The Association of Canadian Customs Trade Advisors (ACCTA) Competition Law Compliance Policy

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## 1. Purpose

ACCTA is committed to complying with **Canadian competition laws**, including the **Competition Act (Canada)**.

As an industry association, ACCTA provides a forum for professionals to exchange ideas and discuss industry issues. However, such interactions must never restrict competition.

This policy provides guidance to ensure ACCTA activities comply with competition laws.

## 2. Prohibited Discussions

Members must **not discuss or exchange information** relating to:

- Pricing or fee structures
- Client pricing strategies
- Profit margins
- Bidding strategies
- Market allocation
- Customer allocation
- Agreements to refuse to deal with specific companies or individuals

Such discussions may violate competition law.

## 3. Permitted Discussions

Members may discuss topics that promote industry knowledge and public policy dialogue, including:

- Regulatory developments
- Customs compliance best practices
- Trade policy developments
- Industry trends
- Educational initiatives
- Government engagement

These discussions must not include competitively sensitive information.

## 4. Meetings and Events

ACCTA meetings should:

- Follow a pre-established agenda
- Be conducted in a professional manner
- Avoid informal discussions that could lead to anti-competitive behavior

If inappropriate discussions arise, members should:

- Immediately object
- Request that the discussion stop
- Leave the meeting if necessary

## 5. Responsibility of Members

Each ACCTA member is responsible for complying with competition laws.

Membership in ACCTA does **not authorize any conduct that violates competition law.**

## 6. Legal Guidance

If uncertainty arises regarding acceptable discussions or conduct, members should seek legal advice before engaging in potentially sensitive discussions.

## 7. Enforcement

ACCTA reserves the right to take action against members who violate this policy, including:

- Warnings
- Removal from committees
- Suspension or termination of membership

## 8. Contact

Questions regarding this Policy may be directed to:

**The Association of Canadian Customs Trade Advisors (ACCTA)**

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