

Opinion on the Rulebook on technical and other requirements for liquid fuels originating from oil (“Official Gazette of the RS”, no. 97/2010)

On January 14, 2011, the Commission forwarded an opinion to the Ministry of Mining and Energy (currently, the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy) with regard to infringement of principle and rules governing free competition, created upon coming into effect of the Rulebook on technical and other requirements for liquid fuels originating from oil. Article 9 of the Rulebook stipulates that lead-free motor fuels BMB 98 and premium BMB 95 are placed on the domestic market solely from the domestic production sources, while Article 13 of the Rulebook stipulates that diesel fuels D2, D2 S and D1 E are also placed on the domestic market only from the domestic production sources. The Commission assessed that from the perspective of implementation of the Law on Protection of Competition, provisions of related regulation stipulated in such manner may have a significant effect on the state and conditions of competition in all segments of the oil derivatives market. This Rulebook is substituted by the Rulebook on technical and other requirements for liquid fuels originating from oil (“Official Gazette of the RS”, no. 64/2011) of August 31, 2011, enabling free imports of those oil derivatives as well, which in accordance with the previously enacted Rulebook have been placed on the domestic market only from the domestic production sources.