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New Competition Authority Leniency Regulation

Clarification of the legal regime for obtaining leniency in competition cases

- On 11 July, the Portuguese Competition Authority published the new regulation on the administrative procedure regarding the processing of requests for immunity from or reduction of fines in infringement proceedings for breaches of competition law (Regulation 747/2024).
- In order to encourage companies and individuals (namely directors and managers) to join its Leniency Programme, the PCA has undertaken to clarify certain provisions of the applicable regime.
- Noteworthy features include the clarification of the type of offence covered by this instrument, the detailed specification of the elements that must be included in leniency applications, and the further densification of the concept of ‘significant added value’ of the information and evidence to be provided to obtain a reduction of the fine by companies that are no longer eligible for immunity from fines.
- The Leniency Programme may grant immunity from or reduction of the fine applicable for infringements of competition rules, which can be up to 10% of the company's turnover and up to 10% of the annual remuneration of its directors.

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