



UK Gasket & Sealing Association: Competition Law Policy

Trade associations provide a forum for companies in the same industry to meet and discuss common issues. The UK Gasket & Sealing Association (UKGSA) is committed to compliance with UK and EU competition law.

The UKGSA supports free and open competition and does not condone any activity which might prevent, restrict or distort competition. Competition law prohibits agreements, practices and conduct between two or more businesses that prevent, restrict or distort competition by, for example, fixing prices, sharing markets, limiting production or rigging bids.

It is the UKGSA's policy to prevent any violation of any competition law with respect to activities carried out under its name or through its organisation. The consequences of breaching competition law are serious including fines and third party damages actions.

The UKGSA will not become involved in the independent business decisions of its members.

Members must not:

- agree or discuss their company prices, pricing policies, discounts or rebates which could lead to price co-ordination.
- be involved in any discussion regarding the allocation of particular customers to particular members or the imposition of quotas or caps on production.

Membership to the UKGSA is transparent, proportionate, non-discriminatory and objective; with no competitor at a disadvantage by being refused admission to the association.

The UKGSA will not exchange confidential information which enables members to see other member's share of sales, output or territories or customers. We will however collect statistical information which provides industry-wide general overviews of our sector and market trends but it will not be possible to identify the prices or volumes for an individual member.

If any member, organisation or person has any concerns regarding competition law matters relating to the conduct of third parties which may damage the business or reputation of the UKGSA, the Chairman of the association must be advised.

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