

In 2009, important amendments modernized the Act to enhance the predictability, efficiency and effectiveness of its enforcement and administration and to better protect Canadians from the harm caused by anti-competitive conduct. Among other things, **these amendments decriminalized price maintenance conduct under the Act, repealing the former criminal offence in section 61 and introducing a new non-criminal provision in section 76.** Under the new non-criminal provision, it is necessary to demonstrate that price maintenance conduct has had, is having or is likely to have an adverse effect on competition in a market.