

Comment by Various Antitrust Scholars from the Truth on the Market Blog Symposium on the VMGs (Matter Number P810034)

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In response to the Draft Vertical Merger Guidelines released by DOJ and the FTC on January 10, 2020,<sup>1</sup> the International Center for Law & Economics convened a blog symposium to discuss the legal and economic implications of the proposed changes. Published on Thursday, February 6, 2020 and Friday, February 7, 2020 on TruthOnTheMarket.com, that symposium included contributions from twenty-six well respected legal academics, economists, and seasoned practitioners. This Comment collects those posts together so that they can form part of the record as DOJ and the FTC consider the final form of the Vertical Merger Guidelines.

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