

# Discussion of FTC's Changes to Hart-Scott-Rodino (HSR) Rules

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Partners from Gibson Dunn's antitrust group discuss recent changes to the Hart-Scott-Rodino rules, including a review of key changes, their potential impact on HSR filing preparation and transaction timelines, as well as preliminary thoughts on new best practices to address these developments.

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