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- Guide to the June 2024 amendments to the Competition Act—Important amendments to the Competition Act became law on June 20, 2024, following Royal Assent of Bill C-59, the Fall Economic Statement Implementation Act, 2023. The Guide provides an overview of the changes, including those related the presumption that a merger is anticompetitive if it significantly increases concentration or market share, the expansion of the civil provisions of the Competition Act to cover past anti-competitive agreements going back up to 3 years, and the expansion of the refusal-to-deal provisions to cover situations where a refusal is substantially affecting part of a business.
- Market study notice: Competition in Canada's airline industry—The Competition Bureau published proposed terms of reference in a draft market study notice on May 27, 2024 and accepted comments until June 17, 2024. After considering the comments, the Bureau finalized the market study notice and obtained Ministerial approval of the final terms of reference on July 26, 2024. The Bureau aims to answer the following questions during this study: 1. What is the state of competition in the Canadian airline industry? 2. How can policymakers further support airline entry and expansion? 3. How can policymakers further support consumers when shopping for airfares?