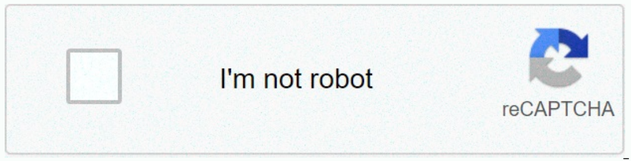

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Tying and bundling

Bundd sales occur when a supplier is subject to the purchase of one product (tied product) by the purchase of another (tied product) from the supplier (i.e. the tied product is not sold separately). Bunding refers to situations where a package of two or more products is offered at a discount. Tying and bundling are common commercial practices and rarely raise competition concerns. However, in limited cases, an undertaking with a significant degree of market power may harm competition through 100% sales or tys. For example, in the context of bunding, an undertaking with a significant degree of market power on the market for one of the products included in the package may use tying to harm competitors on the markets for other products which are part of the same bundle. This may lead to foreclose in these markets, which may lead to higher prices for consumers. For more information, see guidance on the rule of second conduct (in particular paragraphs 5.8 to 5.12). A hypothetical example A leading supplier of medical devices to Hong Kong hospitals and clinics in its sales contracts stipulates that consumer medical products used with devices must be purchased exclusively from it. These contractual requirements significantly limit the customer base available to competing consumables producers. Where a supplier of medical devices has a substantial degree of market power in the relevant markets for medical devices, contractual arrangements (which distort competition in the consumer medical product market) may constitute an abusive tie contrary to the rule of second conduct. The analysis may be similar in terms of tying the service. For example, if a medical device supplier has imposed a condition that requires customers to use the supplier (or the supplier's associate partner) for the purpose of obtaining device maintenance and repair services, this could raise concerns under the second conduct rule. < Back Tying is often an illegal agreement where the consumer must buy another product that exists in a separate market in order to purchase one product. The tying falls within the broader legal framework of illegal competition, which was originally condemned by Sherman's antitrust law and improved by later acts. The difference between tied (illegal) and bunded sales (legally within limits) is important for businesses to understand. Tying is also referred to as tying or bundling. Tying is mostly illegal when products that are linked lack a natural relationship, although there are exceptions. The reasoning is based on the fact that the consumer is harmed when he is forced to buy an unsuchable good (known as the tied good) only to obtain the right to buy the good required (also known as tying good). Companies involved in tying can do so because their market share, huge demand or the critical nature of the product may outweigh the restrictive factor of competition in the market. In such a case, tying may support the production and market share of non-standard products. Tying is defined in North Pacific Railway Co. v. United States (1958) as an agreement of the party to sell one product, but only on condition that the buyer also buys another (or tied) product, or at least agrees not to buy this product from another supplier. Tying can be divided into two different procedures: horizontal binding and vertical tying: Vertical binding: includes the requirement for customers to purchase an unrelated product or service in tandem with the desired product or service. Horizontal binding: includes a requirement for customers to purchase a related product or service jointly and from the same company. A good example of this is the requirement for a mobile phone buyer to purchase a service contract from a single approved provider or risk making their phone inoperable or otherwise pay an early termination fee. Consider the example of one car maker that has tied tires that are sold with a manufactured car and another automaker that has tied the purchase of a car to the requirement to purchase a specific brand of tools. Other tool manufacturers would quickly point out that a separate and robust market for tools already exists. The reason that tire manufacturers can't make this argument is that tires - whatever the brand - are needed to market a car, and without cars, there is no market for tires. Recently, traditional ideas regarding binding have been reconsidered in the light of changes in business practices related to new technologies, and the assumptions of previous examples may be open to discussion. CHAPTER 5: Antitrust Issues in Tying and Joining Intellectual Property Rights Chapter 5 Antitrust Issues in Tying and Tying Intellectual Property Rights I. INTRODUCTION Tying and Tying [are] so pervasive that we forget they are there . . . Tying and tying [are] roughly what a modern company does. It's a justification. It puts things together and offers them to consumers in packages. (1) A tying agreement occurs when the seller, by contractual or technological requirement, make the sale or rental of one product or service subject to the customer's consent to take over the other product or service. (2) The concept of tying is most commonly used by economists if the proportion in which the customer purchases the two products is not specified or specified at the time of purchase as in the sale of the tying requirement. (3) Bunding usually refers to sales in which products are sold only in fixed proportions (e.g. one pair of shoes and one pair of shoelaces or newspapers, which can be considered as a bundle of sections, of which do not need to be read on the customers). Bunding can also be referred to as a package volume. (4) Case law in the United States sometimes insemises the concepts of tying and bundling. (5) In view of their potential effectiveness, many economists consider that, in general, tying and bundling are generally more likely to be pro-competitive than anti-competitive. (6) On the contrary, the analysis of the anti-competitive effects of tying and tying by the US courts has evolved over time. Although the courts have long expressed concern that tying or bundling could enable firms to use monopoly power in one market as leverage to restrict competition and thus acquire monopoly power, on the other market(7) judicial concerns have been alleviated as tying and bundling have become better understood. Once considered worthy per se conviction (8) without examining the actual effects of competition, tying is currently considered per se unlawful under u.S. Supreme Court decisions only if special conditions are met, including evidence that the defendant has market power over the tied product. (9) Moreover, the Supreme Court has recently recognised that competitive markets and tying agreements are not incompatible. (10) Indeed, some lower courts required evidence of likely or actual anti-competitive effects and effectiveness in tied cases. (11) At the hearings, one panel discussed how agencies and courts could best analyse tying and bundling when two or more products are tied up or tied up and at least one of the products is protected by intellectual property rights. Panelists discussed how to get the right answers in specific cases and how to give private parties a reasonable ability to predict how their intellectual property licensing practices will be handled under antitrust laws. (12) As further expressed below, panel participants generally doubted that tying and tying with intellectual property was likely to be sufficient to harm the well-being of consumers in order to justify the treatment itself and therefore defended an approach based on the principles of justification which would require evidence of likely or actual anti-competitive effects and would allow consideration of the effectiveness that such measures may bring. (13) II. LEGAL ANALYSES OF TYING AND TYING [14] Since the end of the 1940s, when the Supreme Court ruled in International Salt Co. That the United States is unreasonable, as it is, to exclude competitors from any substantial market, (15) and in Standard Oil Co. The United States that[t]ying agreements serve almost no purpose beyond the suppression of competition, (16) U.S. courts have found tying to be per se illegal. (17) Although the Court's opinion of 1984 by Jefferson Parish confirmed the continuing role of the analysis per se, (18) it stressed that market power in tying a product is a requirement for illegality as (19) Later that year, the Court explained that the application of the per se rule to binding had evolved to market analysis: [T] there is often no clear line separating per se from the analysis of the rule of reason. The rules per se may require a significant investigation of market conditions before the evidence substantiates a presumption of anti-competitive behaviour. For example, while the Court spoke of a rule per se against tying arrangements, it also acknowledged that tying may have pro-competitive justifications which make it inappropriate to condemn without significant market analysis. (20) In line with this approach, the Supreme Court has recently recognised that all tying agreements . . . fully in line with a free, competitive market. (21) Indeed, the heads of the hearings have expressed that the test of lower courts to use to determine whether to apply the rule per se to a particular alleged tie increasingly resembles the rule of reason of investigation. (22) Although the elements of the infringement per se tying have been formulated differently, the courts generally require that: (1) there are two separate products or services, (2) the sale or the agreement to sell one is conditional on the purchase of the other product, (3) the seller has sufficient economic power on the tied product market to enable him to restrict trade on the tied product market.3. and (4) the non-substantial quantity of interstate trade in the tied product is not affected. (23) In the case of infringements per se other than naked price agreements, the applicants are not required to define the relevant product markets or to demonstrate that the defendant has market power on the relevant market. Moreover, some courts have shown a willingness to consider the commercial justifications of the alleged tie (24) and some courts have required proof that the draw has anti-competitive effects. (25) The courts sometimes analysed tying under the heading of tying. In United States v. Loew's, Inc., (26) for example, the Supreme Court found that the practice of licensing feature films to television stations only in blocks (or bundles) containing movies stations did not want a license constituted an illegal tying in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act. (27) However, in explaining its tying analysis in Jefferson Parish, the Supreme Court noted the fact that a buyer is 'compelled' to buy a product that he would otherwise have purchased even from another seller does not adversely affect competition. (28) In order to prevail over an unlawful tying claim, the applicant must demonstrate an exclusionary effect on other sellers as a result of the applicant's thwarted desire to purchase compensation for one or more items in the package from other sources which distort competition. III. Tying and joining involving intellectual property Linking intellectual property to products or other intellectual property can take many forms, such as offering licenses that cover multiple patents or copyrighted materials or tying the sale of two patented or one un patented and one patented good. Such links shall bear different labels depending on whether the linked product embodies intellectual property, whether a single price or separate prices are charged and whether the link is carried out contractually or technologically. Classic contractual patenting occurs when a tied product (for example, a mimeograph machine) is patented, the tied product is an un patented commodity used as input for a tied product (such as ink or paper) and the sale of a patented product is conditional on the purchase of an un patented product. A technological tie may be defined as such in which tied and bound products are physically bound or manufactured in such a way as to be compatible with each other. (29) The Government's action against Microsoft concerned both contract and technology bunds of Internet explorer (tied product) with the Windows operating system (bundled product). (30) Several intellectual property rights may be combined into bundles or packages themselves. Compulsory licensing of a package occurs when the patent owner refuses to obtain a license for a particular patent, unless the licensee accepts the entire package (or if this effect has the effect of a scale of royalties of the patent owner). (31) It also includes a block reservation for film or TELEVISION shows. The panelists examined the economic, legal and practical issues raised by these various procedures, all of which involve tying intellectual property or tying. The combined economy, which involved intellectual property economists, discussed properties in the panel that can distinguish intellectual property from tangible property. One such feature is that the development and use of intellectual property usually involves high fixed costs but low marginal costs, but the panel discussion did not obscure the importance of this difference for the analysis of bundling. One panellist suggested that predicting anti-competitive effects may be more difficult in cases involving the bundling of intellectual property than in cases involving the bundling of tangible assets. (32) Another panellist stated that it is difficult to determine whether the tying of intellectual property in a particular case is driven by efficiency and, consequently, the analysis is ultimately indeed intensive. (33) Two economists considered bringing together so-called information goods such as copyright-protected music, programming and other online content on the Internet. (34) They note that the marginal costs of adding additional units of information that are good for the package of other information goods are usually very low. They also note that demand for packages of goods among customers may be more homogeneous than demand for individual components. In such circumstances, it may be more advantageous to offer such goods only in a package. In its analysis of the between two firms offering sufficiently large packages can improve consumers(35) and bunding by a non-competitive firm can increase overall well-being but increase or reduce consumer welfare. (36) Another difference between intellectual and material property is that the validity of patents can be called into question. It is generally assumed that tying intellectual property is apt to influence private incentives to challenge the IP(37) - most likely decreasing incentives to challenge it. However, it is difficult for some to assess the likely effects of this reduction on animal welfare, as the optimal level of incentive to challenge intellectual property rights is not clearly known. (38) Legal issues relating to intellectual property courts have not adopted a consistent analytical approach to tying and bringing together intellectual property cases. In 1999, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit applied the rule itself to license a package for television programs because the package could not be distinguished from a block reservation that the Supreme Court declared illegal as such at Loew's. (39) On the other hand, the US Court of Appeal for the 2001 D.C Circuit decision in United States v. Microsoft refused to apply the per se rule to platform software, (40) thereby carved out what might be called a technological exception to that rule, (41) as a single contribution. The court reasoned that applying traditional analysis per se in the ubiquitously innovative platform software industry risks condemning links that can be socially-empowering and pro-competitive. (42) According to one panelist, however, the reasoning [that the court] formulated for leaving per se conviction applies even outside the software industry only, regardless of the court's protests to the contrary. (43) Although in Illinois Tool Works Inc v. Independent Ink, Inc. the Supreme Court acknowledged that many tying arrangements, even those involving patents and custody requirements, may be pro-competitive, (44) that the case did not constitute a vehicle for the Court to reconsider its conclusion that certain tying measures constitute per se infringement. (45) The agencies' approach to the bundling of intellectual property is reflected in the antitrust guidelines for the licensing of intellectual property (hereinafter referred to as the Antitrust Intellectual Property Rights Guidelines). The IP Antitrust Guidelines recognise that in some cases, the licensee's ability to purchase one or more intellectual property items when purchasing another intellectual property item or goods or service by the licensee has been made to constitute an unlawful tying, (46) but also states that although tying agreements may result in anti-competitive effects, such arrangements may . significant efficiency and benefits for a competitive society. (47) According to the agencies, on the basis of a decision of the public prosecutor's office, are considering the anti-competitive effects as well as the efficiency at which they can be attributed to the draw. Agencies could challenge a tying agreement if: (1) the seller has market power to bind the product[which the agencies will not assume will necessarily be granted by patent, copyright or trade secret]; (2) The Agreement has an adverse effect on competition in the relevant market for the tied product. and (3) the justifications for the effectiveness of the agreement do not outweigh the effects that are in non-competitive. (48) If a package licence constitutes a bundled package, (49) the agencies evaluate it according to the same principles of reason which they use to analyse other tying agreements. Regardless of whether the legal analysis applicable to the bundling of intellectual property is a form of per se rule or a rule of further search for reason, the applicant will have to prove that the defendant has market power in the tying product. Recognizing that Congress, antitrust enforcement agencies, and most economists have all concluded that a patent does not necessarily confer market power on a patent, the Supreme Court has ruled that in all cases involving tying arrangements, plaintiffs must demonstrate that the defendant has market power in tying the product. (50) Market power should therefore not be assumed only from the existence of a patent. (51) As the Court has explained, it concluded that tying agreements relating to patented products should be assessed according to the standards applicable in cases such as Fortner II and Jefferson Parish and not the per se rule applicable to Morton salt and loew's. Although some such agreements are still unlawful, such as those resulting from a genuine monopoly or conspiracy throughout the market, this conclusion must be supported by evidence of power on the relevant market and not just by a presumption. (52) In the context of sound economics, the agencies decided not to rely on such a presumption before the Illinois Tool. (53) As the Guidelines on Antitrust Intellectual Property Rights explain, agencies will not assume that a patent, copyright or trade secret necessarily confers market power on its owner. Although an intellectual property right confers the power to exclude, in respect of a particular product, process or work, sufficient actual or potentially close substitutes will often be available . . . to prevent the exercise of market power. (54) The agencies therefore examined the relevant market in order to determine whether the intellectual property in question confers any market power in the economic sense. If such market power in the market is consistent, the agencies will further examine whether the commercial practice under examination is likely to be anti-competitive in balance. Practical questions about intellectual property Bundling panelists address several issues that lawyers confront advising clients on the bundling of intellectual property. One of the panelists noted that, in addition to the inconsistent treatment of the courts in cases relating to the bundling of intellectual property, the courts also, in ordinary cases, diverged as to whether: (1) the applicant must prove distortion of competition on the tied products market; and (2) the defendant's evidence of commercial justification is admissible. (55) The result is when a client asks you what rules govern the tying of intellectual property. . . . you can not give a clear answer. [Lawyers need to give] careful advice . . . Please do not do this; the risk [of litigation] is too great. (56) The panel also discussed the extent to which lawyers advising their clients would consider the likelihood of a law enforcement authority or a private party challenging the bundling of intellectual property. (57) Partly because of the rules on antitrust damages and status, the likelihood of being sued may be small, but one panellist expressed the view that due to the state of the law today you simply cannot advise a client who has an intellectual property right that it is okay to bind . . . It's too dangerous. (58) Advice on possible antitrust liability also occurs when the client is about to bring an infringement action, since such an action may give rise to an antitrust counterclaim, even if the antitrust action would otherwise be unlikely. One panellist expressed the view that it's per se neglect of mandatory nutrition not to advise a client who is considering an intellectual property infringement lawsuit that he must be prepared to dispute in any way crazy antitrust or abuse of counterclaim - or abuse of defense. (59) Another panellist noted that firms that have been instructed by a solicitor often offer alternatives to the package's licence. He suggested that one way to [offer] a package of licenses and not get immediately hauled into [f]ederal[d]istrict[c]ourt is to make sure there is an alternative available. (60) When another panellist questioned the wisdom of advising clients that they are essentially home-free on bundling in terms of intellectual property, (61) the second replied that, although this practice does not provide a complete safety zone, the difficulty of proving that the price package is sufficiently coercive . . . in view of the costs of filing antitrust proceedings . . . gives you a measure of comfort. (62) Finally, one panellist argued that, although defendants in many cases could propose ways of achieving equal efficiency without tying up, (63) the per se rule creates huge costs in terms of firms without market power and intellectual property rights trying to figure out the best way to take advantage of these rights, as small firms try to enter a market on which measurement through tying may work best. (64) Another panellist suggested that the combination of products as things that can be characterized as ties [,] should probably be legal, and that the real problem with the per se rule against tying is that it is potentially applicable to a wide range of harmless business decisions that nevertheless tend to attract involvement with law enforcement and the civil justice system. (65) The proposed approaches to improving the Intellectual Property Association Act panel examined ways to improve the Law on Bundling in general, and in particular as regards the bundling of intellectual property. One panellist highlighted three approaches. (66) First, he suggested that the courts, instead of carved out exceptions to the per se rule against tying (as D.C. Circuit did for platform software products at Microsoft, (67)) should follow the approach adopted by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in Khan v. State Oil Co., (68) which applied the per se rule against vertical maximum pricing—while carefully explaining the shortcomings of access and inviting the Supreme Court to reverse it, as the Court eventually did. (69) Second, testifying before the Illinois Tool, he suggested that Congress should consider legislation that authortes that there is no presumption of market power from the mere possession of a patent or copyright in antitrust cases. (70) Thirdly, it suggested that the agencies should advocate the improvement of the law through amicus participation in cases relating to the bundling of intellectual property, both in the district courts and in the courts of appeal, with the hope that the decisions of those courts could ultimately be reviewed by the Supreme Court. (71) The panel participants acknowledged that carrying out an analysis of the reasoning on the pooling of intellectual property or other practices results in a very fact-intensive investigation, the outcome of which is likely to be difficult to predict. (72) The economist in the panel suggested that instead of trying to categorise behaviour (e.g. as tying or untying) or looking at cost standards, a better approach would be to ask why you are doing this; what are the positive effects, there are other ways of achieving efficiency; Do you expect this to block competition[?] (73) IV. CONCLUSION The legal and political analysis of the tying of intellectual property has evolved over time. The earlier case-law, with its per se rule and presumption of market power, is in line with the agencies' current analysis and some of the more recent decisions of the lower courts, which essentially embody a principles-based approach. In addition, the Supreme Court recently removed its rule to assume intellectual property-based market power. Panelists noted that although tying intellectual property may have anti-competitive potential in certain circumstances, in some cases there may also be a significant justification for the effectiveness of such bundling. Thus, at the discretion of the Public Prosecutor's Office, the in the evaluation of intellectual property and grouping agreements. (74) In view of the pervasive use of these measures by undertakings which do not have market power and the efficiency that such measures can often entail, these practices are usually not anti-competitive. However, when agencies identify situations that are uncompetitive, they will monitor them. FOOTNOTES 1. Center for a New Europe, Edited transcript of CNE Market Insights Event: Tying and Tying: From Economics to Competition Policy (September 19, 2002) (Prof. Paul Seabright discuss tying and tying), . 2. Dennis W. Carlton & Jeffrey M. Perloff, Modern Industrial Organization 319 (4.3. A binding requirement is sold when the seller requires customers who purchase one product from the seller (e.g. a printer) to also purchase another product from the seller (e.g. ink cartridges). Such tying allows the seller to charge customers different amounts depending on their use of the product. Id. at 321-22. 4. Id. Net bundling occurs when consumers can only buy the whole package (e.g. when customers can only buy a fixed-price meal that includes all odds). Mixed bunding occurs when components are also sold separately, at a discount to buy a package (e.g. a restaurant menu that includes both à la carte items and complete meals). See id. at 324.5. See, for example, United States v. Loew's, Inc., 371 U.S. 38 (1962) (analysis of licensing feature films only in blocks (or bundles) as bindings). 6. See, for example, David Evans & Michael Salinger, Why Bundle and Tie? Evidence from competitive markets and implications for tying the law, 22 Yale J. on Reg. 37 (2005). 7. See, for example, N. Pac. Ry. Co. v. United States of America, 356 USA 1, 5-6 (1958); Int'l Salt Co. v. United States of America, 332 USA 392, 396 (1947). 8. Commercial practices deserve treatment as per se illegal if their pernicious effect on competition and lack of any redemption virtue are convincingly considered disproportionate. N. Pac. Ry., 356 U.S. at 5th th th Jefferson Parish Hosp. Dist. No 2 v. Hyde, 466 USA 2, 9, 16-18 (1984) (preservation per se treatment for certain tying measures, but requiring consideration of market power); Ill. Tool Works Inc. v. Indep. Ink, Inc., 126 S. Ct. 1281, 1292 (2006); id. in 1291 (stating that the accusation of unlawful tying must be supported by evidence of market power and not by a presumption of market power based on a patent). 10. Sick Instrument, 126 S. Ct. to 1292; see also infra note 21 and accompanying text. 11. See infra notes 40-43 and accompanying text (debate with United States v. Microsoft Corp., 253 F.3d 34 (D.C. Cir. 2001) (application of the rule of reason to tied sales of operating systems; software)). 12. Panelists dealing with this topic at 14.zá 14.zá were: Joseph Farrell, Professor of Economics and President of the Competition Policy Center, University of California, Berkeley; Jonathan M. Jacobson, Partner, Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, LLP; Abbott B. Lipsky, Jr., Partner, Latham & Watkins; David S. Sibley, John Michael Stuart Professor of Economics, University of Texas at Austin; J. Gregory Sidak, F. K. Weyerhaeuser Fellow in Law and Economics Emeritus, American Enterprise Institute; and Gregory Vistnes, Vice President of Charles River Associates. The meeting was moderated by Michael Katz, then deputy assistant attorney general, and David L. Scheffman, then director, Office of Economics, Federal Trade Commission. They were joined by C. Edward Polk, Jr., then-Associate Solicitor, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. 14 May 2002 Hr'g Tr., Antitrust analysis of special licensing practices for intellectual property: bundling, grants and time constraints (morning meeting), (hereinafter referred to as 14 May Tr.). 13. The panelists stated that such tying and bundling did not meet the standard for analysis, always or almost always harmful to competition. 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Development of antitrust law at level 178; 1 Hovenkamp et al., IP and Antitrust § 21.5, at 21-113 to -15.23. Antitrust Law Developments at 179 & n.998 (cite cases). 24. United States vs. Jerrold Elecs. Corp., 187 F. Supp. 545, 557-58 (E.D. Pa. 1960), aff'd per curiam, 365 U.S. 567 (1961) (conclusion that the tie was justified for a limited period in the new sector to ensure the efficient functioning of complex installations); Mozart Co. Mercedes-Benz of N. Am., Inc., 833 F.2d 1342, 1348-51 (Cir. 9. cir. 1987) (confirmed verdict for the defendant, since the tie can be found as the cheapest and most effective means of police quality); Dehydration Process Co. vs. A. O. Smith Corp., 292 F.2d 653, 655-57 (1. Cir. (confirmation of the judgment of the district court which ordered the verdict in favour of the defendant, since the tie was necessary to ensure the usefulness of the two products when separate sales led to disturbances and widespread customer dissatisfaction). 25. Wells Real Estate, Inc. v. Greater Lowell Bd. of realtors, 850 F.2d 803, 815 (Cir. 1988) (The qualifying for tying must fail without any evidence of anti-competitive effects on the tied product market.); Fox Motors, Inc. vs. Mazda Distribs. (Gulf), Inc.: 806 F.2d 953, 958 (Cir. 1986) (refusal to apply the per se rule to a tie that simply does not imply a sufficiently high probability of anti-competitive effect). 26. 371 USA 38 (1962). 27. Id. at 41-43 (knowing the blocks contained up to 754 separate titles); id. at 44, 49-50 (consider the reservation block as tying). 28. Jefferson Parish, 466 U.S. at 16.29.1 Hoenkamp Inc., IP and Antitrust Section 21.5b2, at 21-104 to -05. An example could be razor and razor cartridges. 30. Microsoft, 253 F.3d ast 45; see also complaints paras. 18, 20, 103-23, Microsoft, 87 F. Supp. 2d 30 (D.D.C. 2000) (No 98-1232), aff'd partially, rev'd partially, 253 F.3d 34, available on . 31. Richard Gilbert & Carl Shapiro, Antitrust Issues in the Field of Intellectual Property Licensing: The Nine No-No's Meet the Nineties, 1997 Brookings Papers on Econ. Activity, Microeconomics 283, 317. 32. May 14 Tr. at 41-42 (Sidak). The panellist also cited Microsoft's connection to its operating system and suggested that the mechanism by which viable and independently owned complementary products can facilitate competitive access to the markets of the other party is imperfectly understood and deserves a more thorough economic analysis. Id. at 45-47. 33. Id. at 24-25 (Vistnes). 34. See Yannis Bakos & Eric Brynjolfsson, Bundling and Competition on the Internet, 19 Marketing Sci. 63 (2000); Yannis Bakos & Eric Brynjolfsson, Bundling Information Goods: Prices, Profits and Efficiency, 45 Mgmt. Sci. 1613 (1999). 35. 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Id. at 90, 220-27 (Farrell) (describing the complexity of determining effective incentives to challenge intellectual property, but expressed its that private private intellectual property rights may be very disproportionate); id. to 295-300 (Miller) (discuss ideas to increase incentives provided they are too low); see also id. on 158 (Katz) ([E] out if they say that by the package it's either reducing the incentives to figure it out around or reducing incentives to challenge validity or enforceability . . . , the work they've done and others have done suggests [that evaluation] actually is very delicate.). For example, one panellist argued that a successful challenge eliminates the mark-up attributable to intellectual property and also lowers the expectations of potential innovators of how much they could earn on the basis of intellectual property in the future. In the 91st minute (Farrell). 39. MCA Television Ltd. v. Pub. Interest Corp., 171 F.3d 1265, 1277-78 (11th Cir. 1999) (citing Loew's, 371 U.S. at 50). 40. 253 F.3d to 95. In deciding to tie a patent abuse claim, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit recently refused per se access and applied tying case law to find that a package of licenses combining the alleged basic with nonessential patents did not constitute an abuse of the patent because there was no separate requirement for nonessential patents and therefore no separate product market in which competition could be concluded. U.S. Philips Corp. v. Int'l Trade Comm'n, 424 F.3d 1179, 1193-97 (Fed. Cir. 2005). The Court rejected access per se in view of the effectiveness of the granting of patent licences for the package and the significant differences between the measures linked to patents and the arrangements involving the group licensing of patents . 1193. 41. Jonathan M. Jacobson & Abid Qureshi, Did Per Se Rule on Tying Survive 'Microsoft'? (14 May 2002 Hr'g R.) by 1 (hereinafter jacobson submission); cf. Warren S. Grimes, The Antitrust Tying Law Schism: A Critique of Microsoft III and a Response to Hylton and Salinger, 70 Antitrust L.J. 199, 202 (2002) ([C]iting the novelty of the issues and the possibility of procompetitive effects, [D.C. Circuit] rule imposed by reason to measure Microsoft software tying procedures.); William J. Kolasky, GE/Honeywell: Continuation of transatlantic dialogue, 23 U.Pa. J. Int'l Econ. L. L. 513, 532 & n.66 (2002) (citing Microsoft, 253 F.3d to 84-97, in support of the statement that technological links are generally evaluated according to the rule of reason); Edward G. Biester III, IP Antitrust Review: Review of the 1995 Antitrust Guidelines for Intellectual Property Licensing, Antitrust, Summer 2002, 8, 10 [Biester, IP Antitrust Overview]. 42. 253 F.3d to 93.43. Jacobson Submissions at 1; 6 p.m. Herbert Hovenkamp, IP Ties and Microsoft Rule of Reason, 47 Antitrust Bull. 369, 413 (2002) ([W]hile drafting rule the reason for the OS/application is commendable, the court's reasoning for distinguishing such links from the general tying method cannot be supported.); see also Biester, Overview of ip antitrust junction to 10 (Basic antitrust principles such as the traditional per se anti-tying rule, where market power in tying a product is complicated in markets that are difficult to define due to the moving goal of constantly evolving technologies.). 44. Ill. Tool, 126 S. Ct. of 1292 (recognising that price discrimination occurs in fully competitive markets); see also note 21 and accompanying text. 45. See Jefferson Parish, 466 USA at 9 (recognizes that some tying measures are per se illegal). 46. U.S. Dep't of Justice & Federal Trade Comm'n, Antitrust Guidelines for the Licensing of Intellectual Property § 5.3 & n.34 (1995), available at [antitrust ip guidelines] (citing United States vs. Paramount Pictures, Inc., 334 U.S. 131, 156-58 (1948) (copyright); Int'l Salt, 332 USA 392 (patent and related product)). 47. Article 48(1) is replaced by the following: Id. (omitted footnotes); see also id. § 2.2 ([] Agencies will not assume that a patent, copyright or trade secret necessarily confers market power on its owner.). 49. The Antitrust-IP Guidelines describe a package of licences as licensing multiple intellectual property items in a single licence or in a group of related licences that may be a form of binding . . . where the grant of a licence for one product is subject to the acceptance of a licence for another separate product. It is also the first time that a member of the public has been 50. Ill. Tool, 126 S. Ct. to 1293. 51. 52. 1291 (citations omitted). 53. The Advocate General filed an amicus brief in Illinois Tool alleging that the market power of the presumption was contrary to the modern tying jurisprudence and sound economics. Brief for United States as Amicus Curiae Support Petitioners, Ill. Tool, 126 S. Ct. 1281 (No. 04-1329), available on . The attorney general noted that it's a matter of long-term antitrust policy, and both the Justice Department and the Federal Trade Commission have rejected the notion that patents provide market power for the simple reason that the presumption is so demonstrably unhealthy. Id. at 13. The Advocate General noted that the Patent and Trademark Office has issued scores of patents for such items as bottle openers, toothbrushes and paper clips . . . [but] It would be unlikely to assume that the owner of such a patent has market power only on the basis of a patent. Id. at 12.54. Antitrust Intellectual Property Guidelines § 2.2. 55 May 14 Tr. at 29-30 (Jacobson); see also Notes 22-25, 50-52 and accompanying text (discussion of the types of evidence required by some courts to bind including market definition, trade justifications and anti-competitive effects). 56th May 14 Tr. at 30-31 (Jacobson). Such results may harm consumers. Compare Hovenkamp, 47. to 382 ([Socially costly rules include] the huge compliance costs of those who have been denied a more efficient way of doing business for fear of breaking a nonsensical antitrust rule.). 57. May 14 Tr. at 107-13 (Jacobson, Leipzig). 58th Id. at 108 (Jacobson). 59th Id. at 109 (Leipzig). 60th Id. at 110-11 (Jacobson); compare Jefferson Parish, 466 U.S. to 12 n.17 (quoting N. Pac. Ry. Co., 356 U.S. at 6 n.4 (Of course, where the buyer is free to either product itself is not a tying issue, although the seller can also offer two items as a unit for a single price.)). However, if the company offers products A (bundled product) and B at tied prices, but it also offers product A separately, the court can determine whether the unbound price of product A can be so high that it proves that no real alternative is offered to package products A and B. 14 May Tr. to 46-52 (Sidak) (with the understanding that the courts may face such issues in the fashion of relief in cases where liability for tying has been found). 61 May 14 Tr. to 112 (Leipzig). 62nd Id. at 113 (Jacobson). 63rd Id. at 36 (Jacobson). 64th Id. at 40-41 (Jacobson); compare Hovenkampa, 47 Antitrust bull. at the 382nd 65th Day of each year, the Commission shall report to the European May 14 Tr. at 42-44 (Leipzig). 66. See Jonathan M. Jacobson, Advice on Uncertainty: The Law of Tying & Intellectual Property (14 May 2002 Hr'g R.) (slides), (Jacobson Presentation). 67. 253 F.3d to 95-96. 68. 93 F.3d 1358, 1362-64 (7.69. State Oil Co. v. Khan, 522 USA 3, 7 (1997); see also Hovenkamp, 47 Antitrust Bull. in 383 N.33 (with Judge Posner's consent, an appeal for annulment). However, such invitations are not always accepted. After that hearing took place, Judge Posner took a similar approach in applying the per se rule against post-expiration royalties, based on Brulotte v. Thys Co., 379 U.S. 29, 32 (1964), while calling on the Supreme Court to reconsider the rule. Scheiber vs. Dolby Labs., Inc., 293 F.3d 1014, 1018-19 (7. However, the court denied certiorari. 537 USA 1109 (2003). Conversely, believing the court bound by Supreme Court precedent, Judge Dyk made a similar invitation in the Illinois Tool, which the court accepted. Indep. Ink, Inc. v. Ill. Tool Works, Inc., 396 F.3d 1342, 1351 (Fed. Cir. 2005), rev'd, 126 S. Ct. 1281 (2006). 70th May 14 Tr. at 32-34 (Jacobson). Such legislation is now unnecessary given the Supreme Court's decision in Illinois To reject such a presumption. 126 S. Ct. 1281. Compare Hovenkamp, 47. to 373 (We could be better off if Congress enacted regulations on intellectual property rights directly into the federal property laws themselves and occasionally did so.). 71. May 14 Tr. at 34-35 (Jacobson); Jacobson Presentation at the 14th Agencies have a long history of advising courts on intellectual property issues related to competition concerns. See, for example, Brief for the United States as an Amicus Curiae Supporting Respondent, eBay Inc. v. MercExchange, L.L.C., 126 S. Ct. 1837 (2006) (No 05-130), available on Brief for United States as Amicus Curiae Support Petitioners, Ill. Tool, 126 S. Ct. 1281 (No. 04-1329); Brief for the United States as Amicus Curiae Supporting Respondent, Pfaff v. Wells Elecs., Inc.: 525 U.S. 55 (1998) (No. 97-1130), available Brief by Amicus Curiae of the United States of America urging a reversal in support of the appellant Kanebridge Corp., Southco, Inc. v. Kanebridge Corp. (Southco I), 258 F.3d 148 (3d Cir. 2001) (No. 00-1102), available on Brief Amicus Curiae of the United States of America in support of Appellee Kanebridge Corp., Southco, Inc. v. Kanebridge Corp. (Southco II), 390 F.3d 276 (3d Cir. 2004) (en banc) (No 02-1243), cert. denied, 126 S. Ct. 336 (2005), available on Brief for Amicus Curiae United States of America in Support of Appellees, Matthew Bender & Co. v. West Publ'g Co., 158 F.3d 693 (2d Cir. 1998) (No 97-7430), available . 72. One of the panelists discussed how, if the tying rule is eventually abandoned, the courts can best deal with complex questions in a way that achieves correct answers on a case-by-case basis and provide some predictability on how commercial practices will be analysed. May 14 Tr. at 54-63 (Leipzig); Abbott B. Lipsky, Amateurs in Black (May 14, 2002 Hr'g R.) at 6-12, [next Lipsky Submission]. Lipsky said that the Supreme Court, in a series of four cases starting with Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 509 U.S. 579 (1993), ordered that district courts assume the position of doormen and make independent assessments (subject to review for misconduct) of relevance, reliability and fit expert opinion. He suggested that this procedure had revolutionised the presentation of the expert report and noted that in many antitrust cases the expert's testimony had been rejected. He argued that when courts evaluate specific patent licensing procedures, institutions will need better than those currently available to improve the quality of economic analysis. Possible approaches he has described include certification by professional bodies such as the National Academy of Sciences or the American association, appointment of an expert by a court pursuant to Rule 706(b) of 14 May Tr. to 54-63 (Leipzig); see also Leipzig Submission at 7-12.73. May 14 Tr. at 103 (Farrell). 74. The Antitrust Intellectual Property Guidelines § 5.3 (which state that the agencies, in the exercise of their powers as public prosecutor, are considering anti-competitive effects as well as the effectiveness at which a draw can be attributed). tie).

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