

# Webcast: Discussion of FTC's Proposed Changes to Hart-Scott-Rodino (HSR) Premerger Notification Form

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Partners from Gibson Dunn's antitrust and corporate practice groups discuss proposed changes and additions to the Hart-Scott-Rodino Premerger notification form, 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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