



**Steel Stewardship Forum**  
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## **Antitrust Guidelines**

Steel Stewardship Forum activities are to be conducted in a manner that complies with all antitrust laws. These laws are intended to promote open and fair competition in all commercial endeavours.

Care must be taken to ensure that Steel Stewardship Forum's activities do not fall within the categories of unlawful acts established by the courts as "anti-competitive." The courts consider an action to be anti-competitive when, on balance, it raises prices or fees or lowers the quantity or quality of available goods or services.

To avoid any circumstance in which comments are made or actions taken which could have, or be perceived to have, an anti-competitive effect, participants in Steel Stewardship Forum meetings and activities must comply with the following guidelines:

1. Avoid any discussion of current or future prices, market conditions, customer bids, terms of trade, actual production costs, marketing plan/strategies, company plans to expand or reduce production capacity, competition, dividing markets or competitively sensitive information with respect to any product or service.
2. Avoid agreements, resolutions or other actions, formal or informal, written or unwritten, that:
  - a. are related to commercial prices or fees
  - b. restrict non-deceptive advertising
  - c. constitute a boycott/collective refusal to deal
  - d. could be construed as representing a division or allocation of markets among competing actors
  - e. tie the provision or purchase of one good or service to the provision or purchase of another good or service
  - f. are likely to have the effect of raising prices or fees or reducing the quantity or quality of goods or services that are available.

The aforementioned caution notwithstanding, Steel Stewardship Forum may hold meetings among competitors for the purpose of discussing industry or joint efforts to influence regulatory or other government action. If, however, during any Steel Stewardship Forum meeting there is discussion of a prohibited subject, the discussion will be terminated immediately. If an attempt to terminate the discussion is unsuccessful, the meeting will be terminated.