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FTCNewsLine is an on-line quarterly newsletter of the **FAIR TRADING COMMISSION** that contains information on competition matters dealt with by the Fair Trading Commission as well as competition agencies from around the world. The aim is to provide insights into some of the matters that are prosecuted in other jurisdictions; and to assist persons in better identifying issues that may pose competition concerns.

Competition legislation is specific to each jurisdiction and activities that are prohibited in one jurisdiction are not necessarily prohibited in other jurisdictions. For information on the prohibitions under the Jamaica's competition legislation, the **FAIR COMPETITION ACT (FCA)**, please visit our website at www.jftc.gov.jm.

In this Issue, we feature matters undertaken by the FTC during the period July 1 to September 30, 2013.

FTC files suit against Crichton Automotive Limited

On August 22, 2013, the FTC filed suit in the Supreme Court against Crichton Automotive Limited following an investigation into an allegation of Misleading Advertising. The allegation is that Crichton misled a customer regarding the model year of a Nissan Sunny motor car. At the time of sale, the car was represented as a 2007 model, but subsequently valuers have indicated that it is a 2005 model. A date for the first hearing is being awaited.

FTC tackling 'double ticketing'

The FTC is concerned about a noticeable spike in complaints of double-ticketing made against a wide cross-section of merchants including retail groceries, fast food restaurants, book shops and convenience stores. The FTC is investigating the matter.

Double-ticketing is prohibited under the Fair Competition Act and refers to situations in which the price charged to the customer at check-out is higher than the price at which the item was displayed for by the merchant.

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FTC Intermediate Course in Competition Law and Policy

On October 28-29, 2013, the FTC will be conducting an Intermediate Course in Competition Law and Policy. The course will be conducted by Dr. Kevin Harriott, Competition Bureau Chief and Dr. Delroy Beckford, Senior Legal Counsel. Content to be covered include: objectives and benefits of Competition Law and Policy, competition legislation in the Caribbean, economics of Competition Law, market power assessment and administration and enforcement of Competition Law.

Registration form as well as Course information are available at www.jftc.gov.jm.

14th Shirley Playfair Lecture

The 14th Annual Shirley Playfair Lecture was held on September 16, 2013 at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel in Kingston, Jamaica. The theme, “Emerging Business Strategies & Implications for Competition” explored the growing trend in Jamaica for a manufacturer to expand its operations by participating in markets in which it competes with merchants which use its product as a crucial input. The presenter, Mr. Brian Pengelley, President of the Jamaica Manufacturers’ Association, was very articulate in explaining the subject area using examples of both local and international enterprises.

Following remarks from the Honourable G. Anthony Hylton, Minister of Industry, Investment and Commerce, the discussion segment was moderated by Dr. Densil Williams, Commissioner of the FTC. Mr. Pengelley’s presentation is available at www.jftc.gov.jm.