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Antitrust Division Ratchets up Leniency Requirements

The U.S. Department of Justice's Antitrust Division (Antitrust Division) touts its Leniency Program as "its most important investigative tool for detecting cartel activity." Through this program, corporations and individuals who "report their cartel activity and cooperate in the Division's investigation of the cartel reported can avoid criminal conviction, fines, and prison sentences if they meet the requirements of the program." Over the past 30 years, the Leniency Program has been an astounding success, resulting in multimillion-dollar fines and criminal convictions across a litany of markets from vitamins A, C, and E to LCD Panels.

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