



# Comparative Frameworks in EAC Competition Law: A Focus on Eswatini's Legal Landscape

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## Abstract

This paper examines the legal frameworks of competition law in East African Community (EAC) countries with a particular focus on Eswatini's (Swaziland), drawing upon comparative analysis. The research methodology involves a comparative analysis of legal texts from Eswatini and other EAC countries, supplemented by secondary sources such as academic articles and reports. A thematic review approach is employed to identify commonalities and differences in the competition law frameworks. Eswatini's competition law framework shows significant influence from regional and international standards but incorporates a unique set of provisions addressing local market dynamics and regulatory challenges, particularly regarding small-scale enterprises and agricultural sectors. The comparative study reveals distinct yet interconnected patterns in EAC countries' competition laws that reflect broader regional integration goals while accommodating national specificities. Given the findings, recommendations include enhancing enforcement mechanisms for smaller enterprises to ensure compliance with competition law, and promoting cross-border cooperation within the EAC region.

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