

ADDENDUM

Report	Nature of Inquiry	Date of Report	Recommendations	Names of Persons or Companies to which the Recommendations Applied*	Action Taken on Recommendations and Results**
Report concerning the manufacture, distribution and sale of paperboard shipping containers and related products	Alleged combination and alleged mergers	August 2, 1962	<p>(1) "In the case of the arrangements which have led to the establishment of common prices of containerboard and of shipping containers we think that under the Combines Investigation Act an application may be made for a court order which would restrain the participants in such arrangements from continuing or resuming them in the same or a modified form in the future. In view of the persistence with which arrangements to secure the maintenance of common prices have been pursued, in one form or another, over such lengthy periods the commission believes that a restraining order should be sought from the court, under the provisions of the Combines Investigation Act, which would be broad enough to prohibit the participants from using jointly the services of any person or private organization in connection with any matters relating to prices, costs or statistics."</p> <p>(2) That the most effective way to restore competitive conditions to the board and container levels of the industry from which the public would derive benefit in the form of lower prices would be the removal of customs duties on both board and containers when feasible in the light of the financial situation existing at the time the report was made.</p> <p>The commission was of the opinion that on the basis of existing jurisprudence, none of the mergers constituted an offence against the Combines Investigation Act. It expressed the hope, however, "that in the near future the questions raised by these decisions will be reviewed by appellate tribunals, more particularly by the Supreme Court of Canada, so that they may be definitely settled."</p>		<p>The matter has been referred to counsel for an opinion as to whether prosecution or other proceedings are warranted.</p>

Questions