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I am about to sign a deal with an HSR filing. How will my filing be handled by the FTC and DOJ?

Updated as of April 1, 2020:

For Hart-Scott-Rodino filings, the FTC and DOJ have implemented a temporary e-filing system, effective March 17. The preparation of HSR filings will proceed as usual, but some glitches and delays can be expected as the agencies get this new filing system up and running. Initially, the antitrust agencies were not granting requests for early termination of the HSR waiting period. However, they are now resuming grants of early termination, but advise that grants are not guaranteed, and are likely to be fewer and less frequent than usual. Although the FTC and DOJ are set up to for telework, merger reviews may be prolonged beyond normally anticipated time frames. Expect more pull-and-refiles than under normal circumstances, but a significant increase in Second Requests is unlikely.