

FTC Competition Consent Orders

January 20, 2025-August 29, 2026

Summary by Type of Underlying Challenge

Type of underlying challenge	Qualifying press release announcements
Merger - horizontal	7
Merger - vertical	1
Merger - coordinated effects	1
Labor restraints - noncompete	2
Labor restraints - no-hire	1
PBM rebating/formulary practices - FTC Act Section 5	2
Horizontal collusion - digital advertising	2
HSR Act violation	1
Monopolization / exclusionary conduct - right to repair	1
Horizontal market allocation / exclusionary agreement	1
FTC consent-order violation - prior notice	1
Total	20

Counting note: The summary counts settlement matters by the first qualifying FTC press release announcing consent relief, rather than attempting to count each separate legal instrument. FTC administrative merger settlements can contain more than one Commission order, and the April 15, 2026 digital advertising release alone covered three separate federal court consent decrees (WPP, Publicis, and Dentsu).

Source: Federal Trade Commission Competition press releases and case pages. Audit current through August 29, 2026.

Date	Press release	Nature of underlying challenge	Link
Aug. 24, 2026	FTC Secures Order Resolving Antitrust Concerns with Zillow/Redfin Agreement	Horizontal market allocation / exclusionary agreement - rental internet listing services advertising	FTC release
July 14, 2026	FTC Secures Major Settlement with Caremark, Resolving Antitrust Case Against Second Drug Middleman	PBM rebating and formulary practices - FTC Act Section 5 unfair methods of competition	FTC release
July 13, 2026	FTC Secures \$12 Million in Penalties for Pre-Merger Reporting Act Violations	HSR Act violation - failure to file and observe the waiting period	FTC release
July 8, 2026	FTC, States Secure Settlement with Deere & Company, Advancing Farmers' Right to Repair	Monopolization / exclusionary conduct - restrictions on independent repair of Deere farm equipment	FTC release
June 30, 2026	FTC Secures Agreement with Havas to Restore Competition in the Digital Advertising Ecosystem	Horizontal collusion - common brand-safety standards in digital advertising	FTC release
June 18, 2026	FTC Takes Action to Protect Americans from Higher Drug Costs in Aurobindo, Lannett Deal	Merger - horizontal (generic prescription drugs)	FTC release
June 2, 2026	FTC Requires Divestiture of Ambulatory Surgery Centers to Protect Patients from Anticompetitive Effects of Ascension Health/AmSurg Deal	Merger - horizontal (outpatient surgical services)	FTC release
May 1, 2026	FTC Takes Action to Protect Consumers from Anticompetitive Effects of Micromarket Kiosks Deal	Merger - horizontal (micromarket kiosks and related software/services)	FTC release
Apr. 15, 2026	FTC Takes Action Against Noncompete Agreements, Securing Protections for Workers	Labor restraints - employee noncompete agreements	FTC release
Apr. 15, 2026	FTC Takes Action to Restore Competition in the Digital Advertising Ecosystem	Horizontal collusion - common brand safety standards in digital advertising (three separate court orders: WPP, Publicis, and Dentsu)	FTC release
Feb. 4, 2026	FTC Secures Landmark Settlement with Express Scripts to Lower Drug Costs for American Patients	PBM rebating and formulary practices - FTC Act Section 5 unfair methods of competition	FTC release
Jan. 30, 2026	FTC Takes Action to Prevent Anticompetitive Healthcare Services Merger	Merger - horizontal (community living and intermediate care facility services)	FTC release
Dec. 19, 2025	FTC Continues Enforcement Action Streak Against Anticompetitive No-Hire Agreements	Labor restraints - no-hire agreements	FTC release

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Date	Press release	Nature of underlying challenge	Link
Dec. 8, 2025	7 Eleven to Pay Record \$4.5 Million Penalty to Settle FTC Antitrust Order Violation Case	FTC consent-order violation - failure to provide required prior notice before a fuel outlet acquisition	FTC release
Dec. 3, 2025	FTC Requires Boeing to Divest Several Spirit Assets to Proceed with Merger	Merger - vertical (aerostructure inputs; foreclosure and access to competitively sensitive information)	FTC release
Nov. 14, 2025	FTC Requires Divestiture of Oil Change Shops in Valvoline/Greenbriar Deal	Merger - horizontal (quick lube oil change services)	FTC release
Sept. 4, 2025	FTC Takes Action to Protect Workers from Noncompete Agreements	Labor restraints - employee noncompete agreements	FTC release
June 26, 2025	FTC Takes Action to Prevent Anticompetitive Effects of Retail Gas Station Deal	Merger - horizontal (retail fuel)	FTC release
June 23, 2025	FTC Prevents Anticompetitive Coordination in Global Advertising Merger	Merger - coordinated effects (media buying advertising services)	FTC release
May 28, 2025	FTC to Require Synopsys and Ansys to Divest Assets to Proceed with Merger	Merger - horizontal (electronic design automation and simulation software tools)	FTC release

Scope and audit notes

- Included: FTC Competition/Bureau of Competition press releases dated January 20, 2025, through August 29, 2026, that first announced a new proposed or final Commission consent order, or a federal court stipulated order/final judgment, resolving an antitrust or HSR enforcement matter. Consumer protection only settlements, later finalization releases, modifications of older orders, abandoned transactions, and investigation closures based only on voluntary commitments were excluded.
- Boundary-date exclusions: Planned Building Services was first announced on January 6, 2025, and Welsh Carson on January 17, 2025. Their later final order releases are not counted because the underlying consent settlements were announced before January 20.
- Other exclusions: the April 23, 2026, USAP release announced only an agreement in principle, not an approved stipulated final order; and the August 12, 2025, Clean Truck Partnership matter ended with written commitments and investigation closure rather than a Commission or court consent order.
- Express Scripts is included because the order resolves the Commission's antitrust PBM case even though the release also carries a Consumer Protection tag. The FTC Competition press release archive and candidate case pages were reviewed through August 29, 2026; the audit identified 20 qualifying press release announcements.

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