

Preface

This OECD Competition Assessment Review of Brazil presents the outcome of a major project conducted by the OECD in close co-operation with the Brazilian Competition Authority. The review has benefited from inputs by numerous organisations and studies how competition advocacy can help to further develop the ports and civil-aviation sectors in Brazil. Increasing competition in these sectors which are critical to national development can broadly and systematically foster economic productivity, consequently, promote well-being and quality of life throughout society as a whole.

Three complementary reasons make this review particularly important to Brazil: the country's current scenario, the scope of the assessment and its thoroughness.

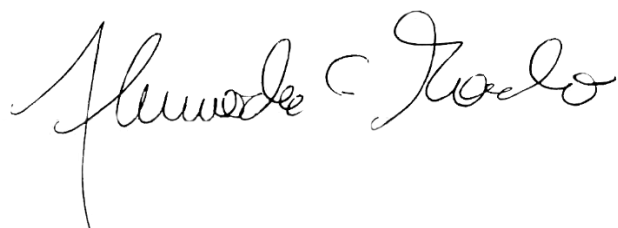
Firstly, the timing is ideal as Brazil is now in the process of joining the OECD and it is crucial to have OECD analysis on how the country can achieve stronger competition in these sectors vital for development. The ports and civil-aviation sectors are responsible for connecting Brazil to the rest of the world, revealing how the international community sees us and our role in the international arena.

With respect to the scope of the work, the OECD has closely examined significant aspects of these essential sectors with the active participation of the relevant institutions. This includes government bodies, such as the Ministry of the Economy and the Ministry of Infrastructure; regulatory agencies, such as ANAC, the civil-aviation agency and ANTAQ, the water transportation agency; academia, the services sector; and representatives from the civil society. It is, therefore, a comprehensive analysis of the markets that drive most of our foreign trade and employ a considerable number of people.

Finally, this effort involved a rich and detailed analysis. It started by gathering data from Brazilian experts through questionnaires, reports, studies and meetings. After compiling and assessing these contributions, the OECD compared the Brazilian scenario with international best practices. This exercise provided the basis for the recommendations in this report. In other words, the suggestions presented in this document spring from the OECD's long experience in studying the most successful sectoral initiatives around the globe and an analysis of their applicability to specific national cases. Unquestionably, this would not have been possible without an in-depth discussion with Brazilian experts and authorities from the two sectors.

I therefore invite you to go through the pages in this important publication to better understand the functioning of the ports and civil-aviation sectors in Brazil; progress achieved to date; remaining challenges and issues; and the OECD's recommendations on how to face them most effectively.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the OECD and all the experts who contributed to this project.



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