The Class Action Fairness Act Database (CAFA) tracks Class Action submissions received by the Antitrust Division in accordance with 28 U.S.C. 1715 of the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005. This Act requires that all class action settlements be reported to the Attorney General.
Department of Justice, Antitrust Division:
Class Action Fairness Act Database (CAFAD)

1. INPUTS

Information pertaining to private class action lawsuits reported to the Antitrust Division is scanned and manually input into the Class Action Fairness Act Database (CAFAD) by the Division employees.

DISPOSITION: TEMPORARY. Destroy after the information has been scanned and verified, when no longer needed for legal or audit purposes or to support the reconstruction of or serve as a backup to the electronic record. (GRS 20)

2. MASTER FILE

The CAFAD tracks the title of the class action suit, identity of Attorney/law firm representing the parties, author of the letter notifying the Department of Justice of the Class Action lawsuit, date of the notification letter, subject and disposition of the matter, identity of the Division section/office to whom the matter was assigned for review, commodity involved, and section/office determination regarding Division's position pertinent to the lawsuit. The system also maintains accompanying documentation to include memorandums, proposed settlement, and internal reviews and approval.

DISPOSITION: PERMANENT. Cutoff when case is closed. Transfer closed cases to NARA in 10 year blocks.

3. OUTPUTS

CAFAD generates various reports about the Class Action lawsuits reported to the Division.

DISPOSITION: TEMPORARY. Destroy/Delete when no longer needed.

4. SYSTEM DOCUMENTATION

DISPOSITION: PERMANENT. Transfer to NARA with Master File.

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