

Auto Dealer Regulation Post-Dodd/Frank

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Dealer Regulation



- FTC retains regulatory authority over dealers
 - Streamlined regulatory authority
 - Enforcement power
- FTC can regulate markups and yo-yo's as dealer conduct
- FTC has already taken enforcement action against:
 - Pay off your trade in no matter what scams
 - Car loan modification scams
- FTC Roundtables

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- CFPB has rulemaking authority under consumer financial laws and to prevent unfair, deceptive or abusive acts.
- Dodd-Frank included exemption for franchise car dealers and larger independent dealers.
 - Exclusion: Car dealers that primarily engage in the sale or lease of vehicles to consumers AND service of vehicles AND routinely assign finance contracts to unaffiliated third parties are exempt.
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- CFPB also has authority over the lenders that buy installment contracts from dealers.
 - Dealer markup
 - Conditional financing TILA implications
 - ECOA/Fair Lending
 - Military Impact

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