

Pitfalls for remedies and their implementation

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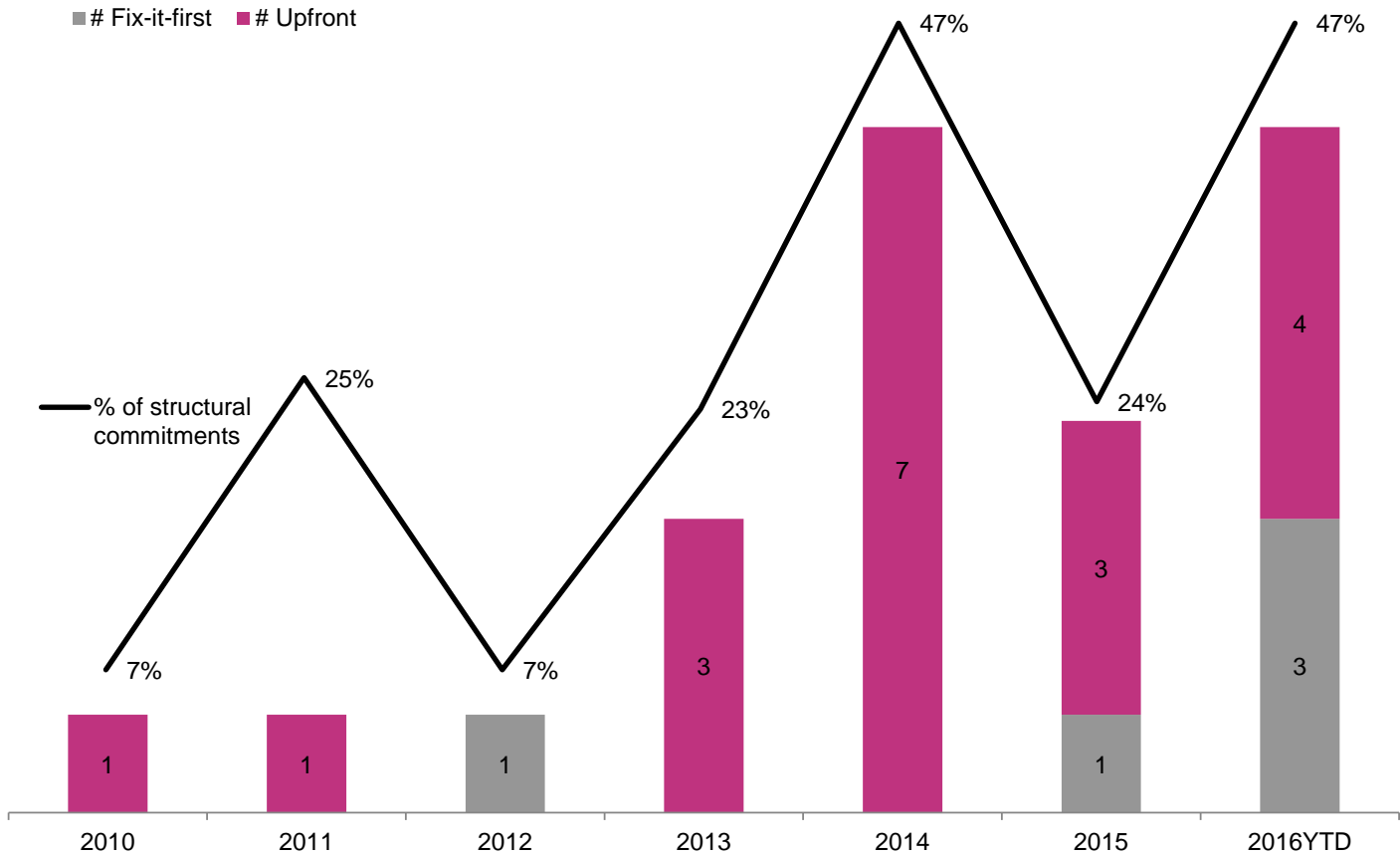
Too much focus on “asset – composition” risks?

Three scoping examples

- > *Huntsman/Rockwood* (M.7061)
 - > Concern in Europe, global divestiture
- > *Baxter/Gambro* (M.6851)
 - > Concern in Europe, global divestiture + set up new EEA production for buyer
- > *Zimmer/Biomet* (M.7265)
 - > Product line divested in DK, S + rights facilitating EEA expansion
 - > “transfer the largest part of Biomet's market share to a competitor”

Too much focus on “purchaser” risks?

Up-front / fix-it-first by the numbers



Source: DG COMP

Up-front beyond the numbers

Remedies notice: considerable
“obstacles for a divestiture” or “risks of preserving the competitiveness and saleability”

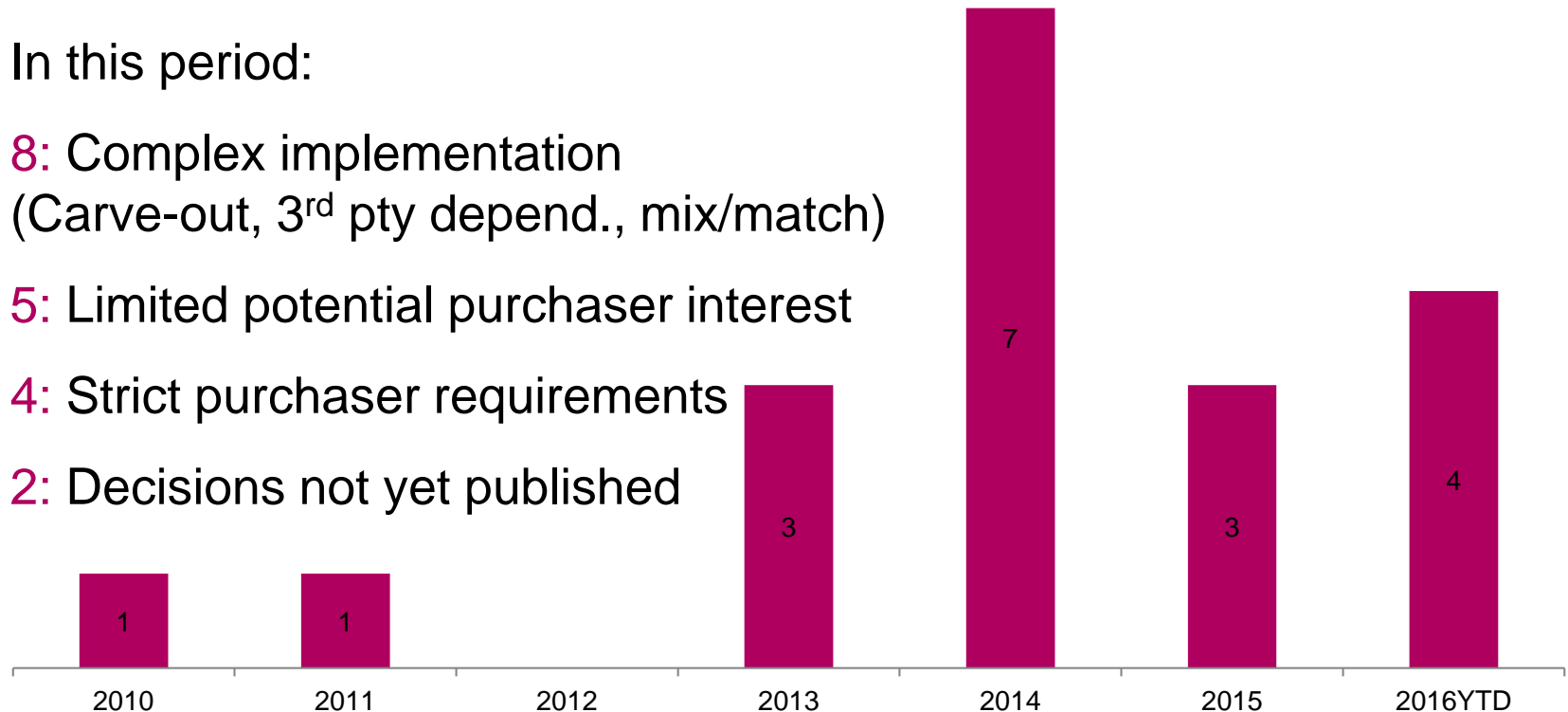
In this period:

8: Complex implementation
(Carve-out, 3rd party depend., mix/match)

5: Limited potential purchaser interest

4: Strict purchaser requirements

2: Decisions not yet published



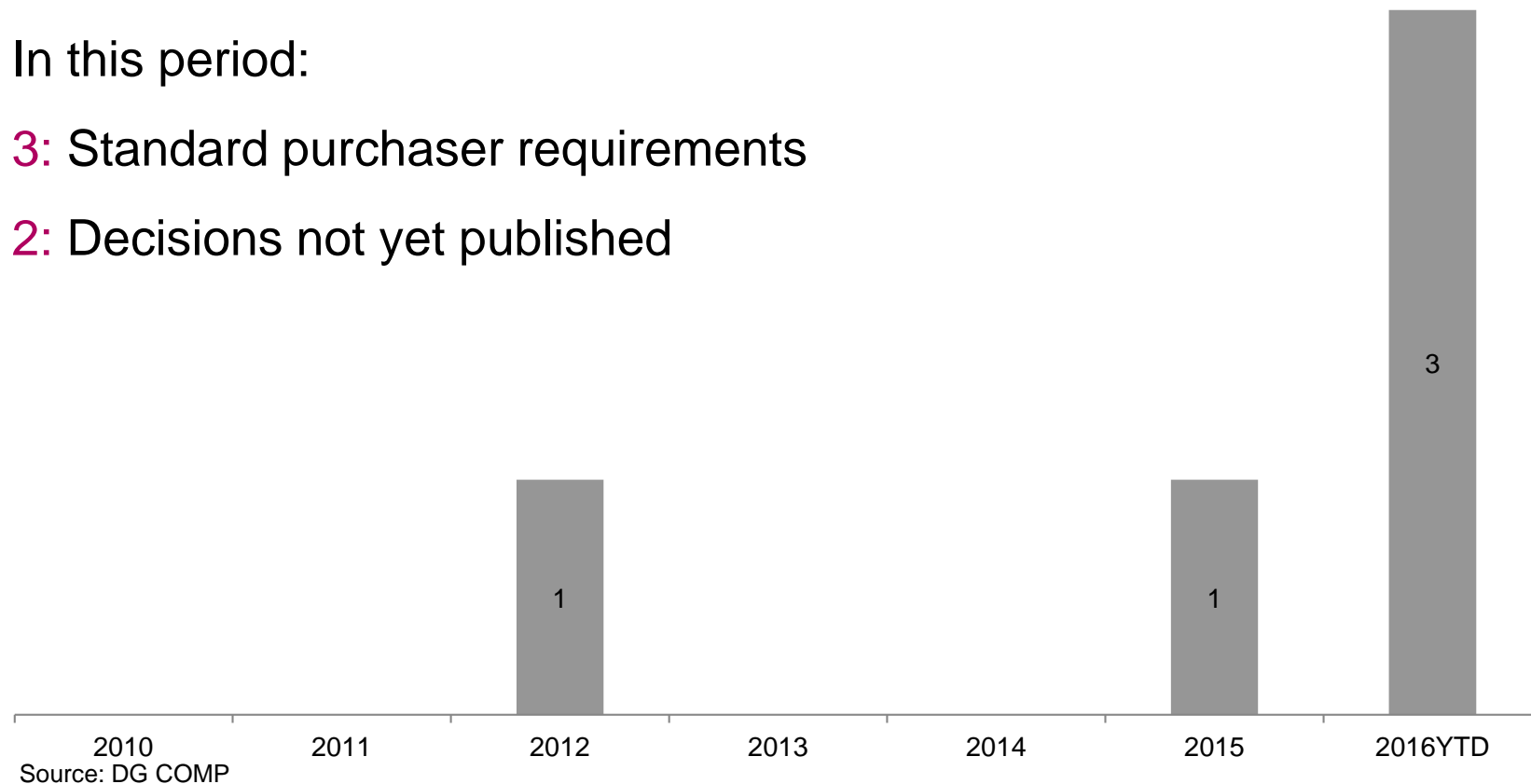
Fix-it-first beyond the numbers

Remedies notice: *“identity of the purchaser is crucial for the effectiveness”*

In this period:

3: Standard purchaser requirements

2: Decisions not yet published



Additional purchaser requirements

> Zimmer/Biomet (M.7265)

Purchaser (upfront) must *“demonstrate its capability in orthopaedic implants and its presence or willingness to expand its presence in a significant proportion of the EEA countries where the Divestment Businesses are currently active”*

> Syniverse/MACH (M.6690)

Purchaser (upfront) must e.g. not be a financial investor, have particular industry-specific capabilities or be part of an MNO

Too much “structural – behavioural” orthodoxy?

Agnostics welcome!

- > The aim to make a 'one-time intervention' makes perfect sense
- > But does this necessarily mean divestiture?
 - > Lufthansa/Swiss (M.3770) (Appeal in T-712/16)
 - > Liberty Global/Ziggo (M.7000)
- > A more agnostic approach: theory of harm, source of concern and solution, e.g.
 - > Why are shares persistently high?
 - > What prevents entry?
 - > What can be effective, proportional and administrable?