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/ Main Topics

- General ■ Bank/Insurance/Tax ■ Enviroment ■ Media/Telecom ■ Competition/SA
- Healthcare ■ Aviation/Transport ■ Foreign Trade ■ Energy ■ Compliance ■ Food/Tobacco

/ Law

■ Covid-19 and Mobile Data

After last week’s publication of the Commission Recommendation with measures to develop a common European approach for the use of mobile applications and mobile data in response to the coronavirus crisis, Member States developed an EU toolbox for the use of mobile applications for contact tracing and warning. The toolbox is accompanied by guidance on data protection for such mobile apps. By 30 April, public health authorities will assess the effectiveness of the apps at national and cross-border level. Member States should report on their actions by 31 May.

[EU toolbox on mobile applications – Guidance to ensure full data protection standards – EC recommendation on apps for contact tracing](#)

■ Covid-19 and State Aid

The EC sent to Member States for consultation a draft proposal to further extend the scope of the State Aid Temporary Framework adopted on 19 March and amended on 3 April. The Commission’s intention is to enable Member States to provide recapitalisations to companies in need.

[Amended Temporary Framework](#)

■ WTO

The Council approved a multi-party interim appeal arbitration arrangement (MPIA) to allow the EU to overcome the current paralysis of the WTO’s Appellate Body. The new arrangement will be operational only during the time necessary for the EU and the other WTO members to find a permanent solution.

[Multi-party interim appeal arbitration arrangement](#)

■ ■ Sustainable Finance

The Council adopted a regulation setting out an EU-wide classification system which will provide a common language to identify economic activities environmentally sustainable. The taxonomy should be established by the end of the year and be fully applicable by the end of 2021.

[Council position on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment](#)

■ Waste Management

The EC published a set of guidelines on the management of municipal waste, waste from healthcare facilities, and on the health and safety of waste management operators to support Member States in this crisis.

[EC Guidelines](#)

■ RAPEX Weekly Report

The EC published its weekly report for all dangerous consumer products, with the exception of food, pharmaceutical and medical devices.

[Weekly Overview Report](#)

/ Politics/General

■ Data Protection

The European Data Protection Supervisor released the annual activity report for the year 2019.

[Activity Report](#)

■ Banking

The European Banking Authority published updated Guidelines on equivalence of non-EU authorities for participation in supervisory colleges, that will help European authorities in their assessment of third country equivalence.

[EBA Guidelines](#)

/ Decisions

EC Decision of 15 April – VW Group / Munich RE Group / JV

■ Computer programming, consultancy and related activities

The EC approved the creation of a joint venture by MHP Management- und IT-Beratung GmbH, subsidiary

of Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche Aktiengesellschaft, and Münchener Rückversicherungs-gesellschaft Aktiengesellschaft.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 14 April – OBB-TS / LTE

■ Repair and maintenance of other transport equipment

The EC approved the creation of a joint venture by ÖBB-Technische Services-Gesellschaft GmbH and LTE Logistik- und Transport GmbH.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 09 April – First-loss portfolio guarantee on trade credit insurance

■ Insurance, reinsurance and pension funding

The EC approved a German guarantee scheme to support the trade credit insurance market.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 09 April – Bundesregelung Kleinbeihilfen and Bundesregelung Darlehen 2020

■ Disturbance in the economy

The EC approved the amendments to two German schemes to support companies affected by the outbreak.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 09 April – Fyffes Limited / Van Wylick GmbH

■ Processing and preserving of fruit and vegetables

The EC approved the acquisition of Fruchtimport van Wylick GmbH by Fyffes Limited.

[Case information](#)

/ From the OJEU

■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Salini Impregilo / Astaldi – Case M.9507 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 123/04 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Viacom / beIN / Miramax – Case M.9714 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 123/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration ASE / Asteelflash – Case M.9731 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 123/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Apollo Management / Tech Data Corporation – Case M.9689 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 122/01 – Case information](#)

■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Triton / Renk – Case M.9784 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 124/09 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Advent / TA / Conservice – Case M.9816 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 124/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Outotec / Metso (Minerals Business) – Case M.9585 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 123/15 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Saudi Aramco Development / Baker Hughes / JV – Case M.9804 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 123/14 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Rhone Capital / Maxam – Case M.9817 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 122/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Bain Capital Investors / Neuberger Berman / Engineering Ingegneria Informatica – Case M.9774 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 119/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Blackstone / IQSA Holdings – Case M.9813 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 119/04 – Case information](#)

/ Brussels intern

■ ■ Green Deal

Twelve Environment Ministers signed an appeal for a green recovery from the coronavirus crisis. An informal alliance has also been launched in the European Parliament with the aim to support a European Green Deal.

■ Covid-19 and Bank Regulation

The European Commission shall release by the end of the month a set of measures for more flexibility of banking rules and for more liquidity to the real economy.

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