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

## / Law

### ■ Merger Control

The EC published its Staff Working Document with the findings of the evaluation of procedural and jurisdictional aspects of EU merger control. As a result of this evaluation, the Commission adopted a Communication providing guidance on the application of the referral mechanism ex article 22 of the Merger Regulation.

#### [EC Staff Working Document – Article 22 Guidance](#)

The Commission also launched an impact assessment to explore different policy options for further simplification of merger procedures, in particular on the revision of Commission Regulation 802/2004 implementing Council Regulation 139/2004 on the control of concentrations between undertakings and the Notice on Simplified Procedure. Feedback to the

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roadmap can be submitted until 23 April. In addition the Commission published a public consultation in order to gather further information from interested parties; contributions can be sent until 18 June. A synopsis report summarizing the input received will then be published by the European executive.

#### [EC dedicated page](#)

### ■ Vaccines

The EC issued a comfort letter with guidance on how the matchmaking and exchanges between participating companies can take place in order to increase the capacities to produce and supply vaccines while respecting EU competition rules.

#### [Comfort letter](#)

## ■ Anti-dumping

Commission Implementing Regulation 2021/546 of 29 March 2021 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and definitively collecting the provisional duty imposed on imports of aluminium extrusions originating in the People's Republic of China has been published.

[Commission Implementing Regulation 2021/546](#)

## ■ Vehicle Safety

The EC is collecting feedback on its initiative to set out the requirements and test procedures for approving vehicles fitted with Intelligent Speed Assistance. Contributions can be submitted until 28 April.

[EC dedicated page](#)

## ■ Instant Payments

The EC launched a public consultation on measures to promote instant payments in the EU. Contributions can be submitted until 23 June.

[EC consultation page](#)

## ■ ■ Green Deal and Gas Networks

The EC launched a consultation on the revision of the Gas Directive and Gas Regulation, with the aim to align

them to the ambition of the European Green Deal to decarbonise the European gas sector by 2050. Contributions can be submitted until 18 June.

[EC consultation page](#)

## ■ Buildings' Energy Performance

The EC launched a consultation on the revision of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive in the context of the European Green Deal which aims to achieve climate neutrality by 2050. The revised directive shall be published before the end of the year. Contributions can be submitted until 22 June.

[EC consultation page](#)

## ■ Pharmaceutical Legislation

The EC launched a consultation on the revision of the general pharmaceutical legislation. Contributions can be submitted until 27 April.

[EC consultation page](#)

## ■ 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

## ■ Banking

The European Banking Authority published its Risk Dashboard for the last quarter of 2020.

[EBA dedicated page](#)

## ■ Clean Energy for All Europeans

The Council of European Energy Regulators published its First Analysis of the pandemic's impact on the energy market.

[CEER Report](#)

## / Decisions

### EC Decision of 30 March – Coca-Cola Hellenic Bottling Company / Heineken / Stockday

■ **Manufacture of soft drinks, beer; production of mineral waters; distilling, rectifying and blending of spirits**

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control over Stockday S.R.L. by Coca-Cola HBC Romania and Heineken Romania S.A.

[Case information](#)

### EC Decision of 30 March – Kronospan Holdings / M Kaindl

■ **Manufacture of products of wood; manufacture of articles on cork, straw and plaiting materials**

The EC approved the acquisition of M. Kaindl OG by Peter Kaindl through Kronospan Holdings P.L.C.

[Case information](#)

### EC Decision of 26 March – Germany: Modification of offshore wind support

■ **Production of electricity**

The EC approved a German operating aid scheme to further develop offshore wind energy generation in Germany.

[Case information](#)

## / From the OJEU

### ■ **Prior notification of concentrations**

Prior notification of the concentration Luminus / Essent Belgium – Case M.10173 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 113/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration CVC / Stark Group – Case M.10164 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 113/07 – Case information](#)

## / Brussels intern

### ■ **Climate Law**

Inter-institutional negotiations on the European Climate Law are not proceeding well and the Presidency's goal to reach an agreement by mid-April seems not feasible.

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