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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

■ Internet of Things

The EC published the final report of its competition sector inquiry into the consumer Internet of Things, which mainly covers: the characteristics of consumer IoT products and services, the features of competition in these markets and the main areas of potential concern raised by stakeholders (such as exclusivity and tying practices, smart device operating systems, extensive access to data, interoperability in the consumer IoT sector). The information collected will provide guidance to the future enforcement and regulatory activity of the Commission. The findings will also contribute to the ongoing legislative debate on the Digital Markets Act proposal.

[EC Final Report – Staff Working Document](#)

■ Market Definition Notice

The EC published a call for evidence on the revision of the market definition notice. Contributions can be submitted until 16 February. The new notice aims to ensure that it is updated to reflect latest market developments and it is scheduled for the first quarter of 2023. The Commission intends to release a first draft of the revised Notice in the coming months, then it will launch a public consultation most likely in June. In addition to the consultation on the draft text, workshops with technical experts or representatives from the main stakeholders groups shall take place throughout the year.

[EC dedicated page](#)

■ Renewable Energy Projects

The EC launched a consultation on the initiative to facilitate renewable energy production projects,

focusing on identifying good practices and removing barriers to implement power-purchase agreements, including across borders. Contributions can be submitted until 12 April.

[EC dedicated page](#)

■ REACH

The EC launched a consultation on the revision of EU legislation on registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemicals (REACH). Contributions can be submitted until 15 April.

[EC consultation page](#)

■ Anti-dumping

Commission Implementing Regulation of 14 January 2022 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain grain-oriented flat-rolled products of silicon-electrical steel originating in the People's Republic of China, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation and the United States of America

following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1036 of the European Parliament and of the Council has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Implementing Regulation 2022/58](#)

■ Digital Services Act

The European Parliament adopted its position on the proposal for a Digital Services Act, which aims to set rules for online platforms. This adoption paves the way for negotiations with the Council on a final text.

[Text adopted](#)

■ 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

■ Payment Services Directive

The European Banking Authority published a discussion paper on its preliminary observations on selected payment fraud data under the Payment Services Directive (PSD2). The paper presents the main findings related to three payment instruments: credit transfers,

card-based payments and cash withdrawals. The EBA invites stakeholders to submit their comments by 19 April.

[EBA discussion paper](#)

/ Decision

EC Decision of 20 January – APMH Invest / Unilabs

■ Human health activities

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Unilabs Holding AB by APMH Invest A/S.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 18 January – ABM / YKA / Hebei Mauri

■ Manufacture of bakery and farinaceous products

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Hebei Mauri Food Co. Ltd. by Associated British Foods plc (“ABF”) and Wilmar International Limited.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 17 January – GIP / APG / Australiansuper / Peel Group / Peel Ports

■ Cargo handling

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Peel Ports Group Limited by Peel Holdings Group Limited, Global Infrastructure Management LLC via its fund Global Infrastructure Partners (“GIP”), APG Asset Management N.V. (“APG”) and AS Infra PP Pty Ltd.

[Case information](#)

/ From the OJEU

■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration GIP / APG / Australiansuper / Peel Group / Peel Ports – Case M.10535 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 31/04 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration WMG / Blackrock Group / Influence Media / The Initial Fund – Case M.10422 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 31/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Blackstone / Francisco Partners / Renaissance – Case M.10554 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 31/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Vinci / Energia Y Servicios Dinsa II – Case M.10314 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 27/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Gategroup / LSG European Business – Case M.9546 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 27/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Brookfield / Aceh / Benjumea Family / Powen – Case M.10552 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 27/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration CDP / Macquarie / Open Fiber – Case M.10450 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 25/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Amalfi Invest Opportunities / La Doria – Case M.10551 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 23/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration GIP / Meridiam / New Suez – Case M.10396 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 23/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Blackstone / Interplex – Case M.10519 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 23/01 – Case information](#)

■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Blackstone / Warburg Pincus / Intrafi Group – Case M.10587 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 31/09 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Clearlake Capital Group / STG Partners / Dodge Construction Network – Case M.10599 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 31/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration ECDC / HPIL / JV – Case M.10540 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 31/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Adia / Transurban / Australiansuper / CPP Investments / WCX – Case M.10555 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 31/06 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Apollo / Missguided – Case M.10564 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 29/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration PAI PARTNERS / OTPP / VEONET – Case M.10590 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 25/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration MIRA / OTPP / PGGM / BCI / OMERS / AIMCO / PUGET – Case M.10509 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 25/04 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Bain Capital / Hellman & Friedman / Athena Health Group – Case M.10576 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 23/06 – Case information](#)

/ Brussels intern

■ Corporate Taxation

EU Finance Ministers held a policy debate on the proposed Council directive on ensuring a global minimum level of taxation for multinational groups. The majority of them stressed the need to transpose into the EU law the agreed rules of international corporate taxation of the OECD/G20 Inclusive Framework as soon as possible.

■ Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism

French Minister of Ecological Transition stated there is an agreement in principle on the proposal for a Carbon

Border Adjustment Mechanism, even if there are divergences among Member States on certain key aspect of the proposal.

■ Microchip

The European Commission is expected to release its Chips Act at the beginning of February.

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