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Law

Critical Raw Material Act

The Council adopted its position on the proposed regulation establishing a framework to ensure a secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials, the so-called Critical Raw Materials Act. Inter-institutional negotiations with the European Parliament on the final version of the law will start as soon as the Parliament adopts its position.

[Council position](#)

Digital Markets Act

The EC released the names of the companies who notified that they meet the thresholds to qualify as gatekeepers according to the DMA: Alphabet, Amazon, Apple, ByteDance, Meta, Microsoft, Samsung. The Commission services will now check their submissions and designate the gatekeepers for specific platform services by 6 September. Booking.com is expected to notify the Commission at the end of the year.

State Aid

The EC prolonged until 4 April 2027 the transition period during which EU Member States can grant operating aid to certain regional airports under the 2014 Guidelines on State aid to airports and airlines.

[Guidelines on State aid to airports and airlines](#)

Data Protection

The EC presented its proposal for the harmonization of procedural rules for the General Data Protection Regulation. In particular, the new regulation will establish concrete procedural rules for the authorities when applying the GDPR in cross border cases. The proposal will have to be discussed by the European Parliament and the Council.

[EC proposal for a Regulation laying down additional procedural rules relating to the enforcement of GDPR](#)

Case Meta Platforms and Others

The Court of Justice of the EU ruled that in the context of the examination of an abuse of a dominant position by an undertaking, the competition authority of the concerned Member State can also examine whether the conduct of the undertaking complies with other rules, in this case the EU's data protection regulation.

[Case page](#)

EU Sanctions

The lead Committee of the European Parliament adopted its report on the proposal for a directive on the definition of criminal offences and penalties for the violation of Union restrictive measures, which will introduce a common definition of violations and minimum penalties across the Union. The text now needs to be endorsed by the Parliament in plenary, then inter-institutional negotiations with the Council on the final version of the law can start.

[Draft report](#)

Anti-dumping Duty

Commission Implementing Regulation of 3 July 2023 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and definitively collecting the provisional duty imposed on imports of stainless-steel refillable kegs originating in the People's Republic of China has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2023/1404](#)

Notice of initiation of a partial interim review of the anti-dumping and countervailing measures applicable to imports of certain woven and/or stitched glass fibre fabrics originating in the People's Republic of China and Egypt has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Document 2023/C 236/04](#)

Chemicals

The Council adopted its position on the proposed regulation for the classification, labelling and packaging of chemical substances, the so-called CLP regulation. The proposed regulation will update and clarify the existing rules. Inter-institutional negotiations with the European Parliament on the final shape of the legislation shall begin in October, after the Parliament has adopted its position.

[Council position on the proposal for a Regulation on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures](#)

Construction Products

The Council adopted its negotiating position on the proposal for a regulation laying down harmonized conditions for the marketing of construction products, which will amend the existing rules. Negotiations with the European Parliament on the final version of the regulation will start as soon as the Parliament adopts its position. The text will be available soon.

[EC proposal](#)

Textile Waste

The EC adopted a package of measures to review the Waste Framework Directive. As part of it there is a proposal to introduce mandatory and harmonized Extended Producer Responsibility schemes for textiles in all EU Member States and to support the sustainable management of textile waste across the Union. The proposal will have to be discussed and adopted by the European Parliament and the Council according to the ordinary legislative procedure.

[EC proposal for a targeted revision of the Waste Framework Directive](#)

Food Waste

As part of the revision of the Waste Framework Directive, the EC presented its proposal to set legally binding food waste reduction targets to be achieved by EU Member States by 2030. The proposal will now be discussed by the European Parliament and the Council.

[EC proposal for a targeted revision of the Waste Framework Directive](#)

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

Market Study on Competition in Online Payment Services

The EC tendered a study to examine the main online payment methods and analyse scenarios regarding the use of traditional cards for online payments compared to digital wallets and direct bank transfers. Deadline is 15 September.

[Dedicated page](#)

Investment Funds

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) submitted to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Commission its second report on national rules governing the marketing of investment funds under the Regulation on cross-border distribution of funds.

[ESMA report](#)

ACER Report

The European Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) published its Consolidated Annual Activity Report for 2022.

[ACER report](#)

Decision

EC Investigation of 06 July – Amazon / iRobot Manufacture of consumer electronics; retail sale

The EC opened an in-depth investigation to assess the proposed acquisition of iRobot by Amazon.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 04 July – Advent / GfK Market research and public opinion polling

The EC approved the proposed acquisition of GfK by Advent subject to conditions.

[Case information](#)

From the OJEU

Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Trafigura / Mota-Engil / LAH / JV – Case M.11163 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 241/01](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Brookfield / Triton – Case M.11142 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 237/04](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration SADCO / DPDHL / JV – Case M.11113 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 237/03](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration APG / Corsica Sole / Mirova / Driveco – Case M.11140 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 237/02](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Goldman Sachs / Platinum Spring / Daiwa Resort – Case M.11105 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 237/01](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration PORR / RIGIPS / Saubermacher / JV – Case M.11135 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 239/07](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration ARP / GRI / JV – Case M.11082 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 236/05](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Meridiam / Awsa I / Awsa II / A2 Route / AESA – Case M.11108 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 234/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Iberdrola / GIC / Neoenergia Transmissora – Case M.11175 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 234/04 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Astara Mobility / Nissan Austria / Nissan Poland – Case M.11178 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 234/03 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Macquarie / PMV / Kevlinx – Case M.11118 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 234/02 – Case information](#)

Brussels intern

Sustainable Finance

The European Commission aims to publish the new Taxonomy Delegated Acts in the EU Official Journal before the end of the year.

Forced Labour Regulation

The European Parliament's lead Committee is expected to adopt its report on the proposal for a regulation banning products made using forced labour in October.

Generalised Scheme of Preferences

The European Commission is considering extending the current Generalised Scheme of Preferences for the period 2024-2027. The current system expires at the end of the year and the Commission presented its proposal to review the GSP in September 2021. However, the divergences between negotiators of the European Parliament and the Council on the proposal seem to be irreconcilable, therefore the intention is to prolong the existing rules.

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