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Law

Alternative Fuels Infrastructure

The Council adopted the compromise text reached during negotiations with the European Parliament on the regulation on the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure (so-called AFIR), which will provide for specific deployment targets that will have to be met in 2025 or 2030 in particular with regard to fast recharging stations for cars and vans and hydrogen refuelling stations. The new regulation will be published in the EU Official Journal most likely in September and will enter into force the 20th day after its publication. The new rules will apply from six months after the date of entry into force.

[Regulation on the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure](#)

Batteries and Waste Batteries Regulation

The regulation concerning batteries and waste batteries, which will amend Directive 2008/98/EC and Regulation 2019/1020 and repeal Directive 2006/66/EC has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Regulation \(EU\) 2023/1542](#)

Chips Act

The Council approved the text agreed during the inter-institutional negotiations with the European Parliament on the regulation to establish a framework of measures for strengthening Europe's semiconductor ecosystem, known as the Chips Act. The regulation will soon be published in the EU Official Journal and will enter into force on the third day following its publication.

[Regulation establishing a framework of measures for strengthening Europe's semiconductor ecosystem](#)

Toys Safety

The EC presented its proposal to revise the European framework on toy safety. The new rules aim to increase protection from harmful chemicals and strengthen enforcement. The proposal will have to be discussed and agreed by both the European Parliament and the Council.

[EC proposal for a regulation](#)

Cosmetic Products

Commission Decision of 25 July 2023 amending and correcting Decision (EU) 2021/1870 establishing EU Ecolabel criteria for cosmetic products and animal care products has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Decision \(EU\) 2023/1540](#)

Agri-Food Sector

The EC published an analysis of the existing European policies in support of a greener, more digital and resilient agri-food sector. At the same time, the Commission invited interested parties to submit contributions on the possible actions to accelerate the twin transition of the sector. Deadline is 19 September. Workshops will also be organized. The objective is to co-create a "transition pathway" for the agri-food sector by the end of the year.

[EC dedicated 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

Investment Firms Regulation

The European Banking Authority launched a consultation on the draft Guidelines on the application of the group capital test for investment firm groups according to the Investment Firms Regulation and which aim at setting harmonised criteria to address the observed diversity in the application of the group capital test across the Union. Contributions can be submitted until 25 October.

[EBA consultation paper](#)

EU Resilience

The EC adopted a delegated regulation which contains a non-exhaustive list of essential services in the eleven sectors covered by the Critical Entities Resilience Directive, which entered into force in January 2023. Based on the list, Member States will have to identify the critical entities for the covered sectors by 17 July 2026. The delegated act will enter into force if the European Parliament and the Council do not express any objection to it.

[EC Delegated Regulation](#)

Decision

EC Investigation of 26 July – Microsoft Teams Computer programming activities; software publishing

The EC opened a formal investigation to assess whether Microsoft breached EU competition rules by tying or bundling its communication and collaboration product Teams to its suites for businesses Office 365 and Microsoft 365.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 26 July – German support measure LNG terminal

Production of energy

The EC approved the German support measure for the construction and operation of a new land-based liquefied natural gas (“LNG”) terminal in Brunsbüttel.

[Case information SA.102163](#)

EC Decision of 26 July – Cinven / Amara

Manufacture of electrical equipment; manufacture of wiring

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Amara S.A. by Cinven Capital Management (VII) General Partner Limited.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 26 July – Macquarie / BCI / Endeavour Energy

Distribution of electricity

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Endeavour Energy by Macquarie Australian Infrastructure Management 1 Limited and British Columbia Investment Management Corporation (“BCI”).

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 21 July – PORR / Rigips / Saubermacher / JV

Recovery of sorted materials; collection of non-hazardous waste

The EC approved the creation of a joint venture by PORR Umwelttechnik GmbH (“PORR”), Saint-Gobain Austria GmbH (“Rigips”) and Saubermacher Bau Recycling und Entsorgung GmbH (“Saubermacher”).

[Case information](#)

From the OJEU

Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration ARP / GRI / JV – Case M.11082 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 260/02 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration ICI 3 / HCS Group – Case M.11195 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 265/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Mutares / Walor International – Case M.11100 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 263/06 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Prada / Zegna / Fedeli – Case M.11180 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 262/06 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Apollo Management / Arconic – Case M.11171 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 260/06 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Colt Technology Services Group / Lumen Emea Business – Case M.11144 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 260/05 – Case information](#)

Brussels intern

Public Procurement

The European Commission planned for the fourth quarter of the year to present its proposal to amend the annex to the Regulation 2019/1780 with regard to the digital standard forms (eForms) in the area of procurement data to align them to the new technologies.

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