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Customs Union

The EC launched a new Customs Union Action Plan with a series of initiatives in areas such as risk management, e-commerce and compliance in order to strengthen the European customs union.

EC Action Plan

■ Digital Services Act

The Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee of the European Parliament adopted a legislative initiative report with recommendations to the European Commission to address current shortcomings in the online environment in its upcoming Digital Services Act, which shall be presented by the end of the year. The vote in plenary is expected to take place during the mid-October session. The report will then be sent to the Commission.

<u>Committee draft report</u> – <u>Compromise amendments</u> adopted

■ Short-term Export-credit Communication

The EC launched a public consultation to assess whether the removal of all countries from the "marketable risk countries" list continues to be justified and whether it should be prolonged beyond December, as decided last March. Contributions can be submitted until 07 October.

EC consultation page

■■ Industrial Pollution

The EC launched a consultation on its roadmap for the revision of the regulation on the European pollutant release and transfer register (E-PRTR). Contributions can be submitted until 26 October.

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EC dedicated page

■ Brexit

The EC initiated a formal infringement process against the UK, sending the country a letter of notice for breaching its obligations under the Withdrawal Agreement. The Government of the UK has until the end of the month to submit its observations.

■ 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

■ EBA Work Programme

The European Banking Authority published its annual work programme for 2021, describing the key strategic areas of work of the Authority for the coming months.

EBA 2021 Work Programme

■ European Raw Materials Alliance

The EC officially launched the European Raw Materials Alliance, whose purpose is to identify obstacles but

also priorities and investment opportunities at all stages of the raw materials value chain.

EC dedicated page

REMIT

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators launched a call for a new consultative expert group which will advise the Agency on topics related to the REMIT Regulation. The application process ends on 28 October.

ACER dedicated page

/ Decisions

EC Decision of 30 September – Worldline / Ingenico

■ Financial service activities

The EC approved the proposed acquisition of Ingenico by Worldline, subject to conditions.

Case information

EC Decision of 30 September – BorgWarner / Delphi Technologies

■ Manufacture of parts and accessories for motor vehicles; wholesale trade of motor vehicle parts and accessories

The EC approved the acquisition by BorgWarner Inc. of Delphi Technologies PLC.

Case information

EC Decision of 29 September – Closure systems

■ Manufacture of parts and accessories for motor vehicles

The EC fined car parts suppliers Brose and Kiekert for taking part in two cartels.

Case information

EC Decision of 28 September – Apollo Capital Management / Chyronhego

Other information technology and computer service activities

The EC approved the acquisition of Chyronhego by Apollo Capital Management L.P.

Case information

EC Decision of 25 September – KKR / HPS / Monleasing Holdco

■ Renting and leasing of other machinery, equipment and tangible goods

The EC approved the acquisition of Monleasing Holdco Pty Ltd by KKR & Co. Inc. and HPS Investment Partners LLC.

Case information

/ From the OJEU

Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Bridgepoint / EQT Credit Platform – Case M.9905 has been published.

Document 2020/C 325/03 - Case information

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Mapfre Group / Santander Group / Popular Seguros JV – Case M.9910 has been published.

Document 2020/C 325/02 - Case information

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Hella / Minth / JV – Case M.9913 has been published.

Document 2020/C 325/01 - Case information

Non-opposition to the notified concentration TUI AG / RCCL / Hapag-Lloyd Cruises — Case M.9778 has been published.

Document 2020/C 323/02 - Case information

Non-opposition to the notified concentration KKR / HPS / Monleasing Holdco – Case M.9906 has been published.

Document 2020/C 322/01 - Case information

Non-opposition to the notified concentration ZF China / Wolong / Wolong ZF Automotive Electric Motors JV- Case M.9900 has been published.

Document 2020/C 319/01 - Case information

Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Private Theory Luxco / ARC Group – Case M.9941 has been published.

Document 2020/C 325/16 - Case information

Prior notification of the concentration Advent International / Otto / Hermes Parcelnet / Hermes Germany – Case M.9957 has been published.

<u>Document 2020/C 325/15</u> – <u>Case information</u>

Prior notification of the concentration EQT / Colisee – Case M.9966 has been published.

Document 2020/C 322/07 - Case information

Prior notification of the concentration ECP ControlCo / First Sentier Investors / Terra-Gen Power Holdings II – Case M.9965 has been published.

Document 2020/C 321/08 - Case information

Prior notification of the concentration EDP / Viesgo – Case M.9929 has been published.

Document 2020/C 321/07 - Case information

Prior notification of the concentration MSI / Altice / Lightpath – Case M.9946 has been published.

<u>Document 2020/C 321/06</u> – <u>Case information</u>

Prior notification of the concentration LVMH / Tiffany – Case M.9695 has been published.

Document 2020/C 321/05 - Case information

Prior notification of the concentration Liberty / Ascoval / Hayange – Case M.9917 has been published.

Document 2020/C 321/04 – Case information

Prior notification of the concentration Iliad S.A. / Play Communications S.A. – Case M.9963 has been published.

<u>Document 2020/C 319/05</u> – <u>Case information</u>

Prior notification of the concentration BC Partners / Sofima / IMA – Case M.9937 has been published.

Document 2020/C 319/04 – Case information

Prior notification of the concentration Advent / Aareal / Aareon – Case M.9959 has been published.

Document 2020/C 319/03 - Case information

/ Brussels intern

■ Digital Services Act

By the end of the year the European Commission will release its flagship initiative for the digital economy, the Digital Services Act. According to some internal working documents, large digital platforms acting as gatekeepers would face stricter obligations on use of and collection of data, advertising, liability, in order to prohibit anti-competitive behaviour, which shall be included in a so-called "blacklist". EU officials are also considering a "gray list", with those behaviours that regulators would be empowered to ban. Discussions are still on-going and the documents are expected to be amended before the final approval by December.

Competition Policy and Sustainable Development

There is an interesting debate at the European level on whether competition law should consider and promote sustainable development targets. For several European officials, antitrust and state aid rules need to support environmental and sustainability goals.

■ Digital Finance

At next week plenary session, the Members of the European Parliament will have a debate and vote on a legislative-initiative report with recommendations to the Commission on how to enhance the use of new technologies in the financial sector.

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