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## / Main Topics



## / Law

### ■ Antitrust – HBER

The EC launched a consultation on its draft Horizontal Block Exemption Regulations on Research & Development and Specialisation Agreements and the Guidelines. The revised rules include a dedicated chapter to sustainability, with the aim to support the digital and green transition. Comments can be submitted until 26 April. The new rules will enter into force on 1 January 2023. Together with the consultation, the Commission also released the expert support studies.

[EC dedicated page](#)

### ■ Antitrust – Sustainable Agriculture

The EC published a first consultation on new exemptions to competition rules in the agricultural sector. Contributions can be submitted until 23 May.

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The Commission will then review them and will publish some conclusions. The new guidelines shall be in place by December 2023.

[EC consultation page](#)

### ■ Charging Infrastructures

Directive of 24 February 2022 amending Directives 1999/62/EC, 1999/37/EC and 2019/520 as regards the charging of vehicles for the use of certain infrastructures has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Directive 2022/362](#)

### ■ Anti-dumping

Commission Implementing Regulation of 2 March initiating a “new exporter” review of Implementing Regulation 2019/1379 imposing a definitive anti-

dumping duty on imports of bicycles originating in the People's Republic of China for one Chinese exporting producer, repealing the duty with regard to imports from that exporting producer and making these imports subject to registration has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Implementing Regulation 2022/358](#)

## / Politics/General

### ■ European Growth Model

The EC released a communication which aims to provide input to the discussions on the European growth model scheduled for next week at the informal European Council meeting. In particular, the document

### ■ 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](#)

highlights the key investments and reforms that are necessary in order to achieve the green and digital transition.

[EC dedicated page](#)

## / Decision

### **EC Decision of 03 March – IIF INTERNATIONAL HOLDING / G+E GETEC HOLDING**

#### ■ Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply

The EC approved the acquisition of G+E GETEC Holding GmbH by IIF Int'l Holding L.P.

[Case information](#)

### **EC Decision of 28 February – Welput / PSPIB / Alecta / 150 VStreet JV**

#### ■ Real estate activities

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of 105VS Holdings Units Trust by West End of London Property Unit Trust ("Welput"), the Public Sector Pension Investment Board of Canada ("PSPIB") and Alecta Tjänstpension Ömsedigt of Sweden ("Alecta").

[Case information](#)

### **EC Decision of 25 February – KKR / Körber / Körber Supply Chain Software Management**

#### ■ Computer programming, consultancy and related activities

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Körber Supply Chain Software Management GmbH by Körber AG and KKR & Co Inc.

[Case information](#)

### **EC Decision of 25 February – CMA CGM / CLS Business**

#### ■ Transportation support activities

The EC approved the acquisition of Ingram Micro Inc.'s contract logistics business ("CLS Business") by CMA CGM S.A.

[Case information](#)

# / From the OJEU

## ■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration KKR / Körber / Körber Supply Chain Software Management – Case M.10592 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 104/04 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Cerberus / HBCE (French Retail Banking) – Case M.10595 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 104/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Goldman Sachs / NN Investment Partners Holding – Case M.10480 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 104/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration ACE / MOSADEX / PHARMALOT COMPOUNDING – Case M.10567 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 104/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration CMA CGM / CLS BUSINESS – Case M.10608 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 102/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Warburg Pincus / Oxford Properties / Hale – Case M.10601 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 100/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration APERAM / ELG HANIEL – Case M.10320 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 100/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration VIG / AEGON CEE – Case M.10102 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 93/04 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Genstar Capital / MDP / Lightspeed – Case M.10622 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 93/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Carlyle / Warburg Pincus / Duravant – Case M.10562 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 93/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Veolia / Suez – Case M.9969 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 93/01 – Case information](#)

## ■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Porsche Austria / Wolfgang Denzel Auto / Saubermacher Dienstleistung / JV – Case M.10613 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 104/09 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration SMS / Altor Fund Manager / Kaefer Holding / Kaefer Isolierechnik – Case M.10597 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 104/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Archer Daniels Midland Singapore / Clyde Investments – Case M.10610 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 102/10 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration DUSSUR / SeAH / JV – Case M.10593 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 102/09 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration KKR / ACCELL GROUP – Case M.10654 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 102/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration MAX MARA / MITSUI / MCJ – Case M.10639 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 102/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration PARKER / MEGGITT – Case M.10506 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 102/06 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Mercedes-Benz / Totalenergies / Stellantis / ACC – Case M.10524 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 102/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration A P Moeller-Maersk / Senator International – Case M.10559 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 100/09 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration SNCF MOBILITES / THIF – Case M.9603 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 93/08 – Case information](#)

## / Brussels intern

### ■ ■ Sanctions

The European Commission together with Member States' ambassadors are evaluating the need to put forward a set of measures to help European companies exposed to market distortions caused by the sanctions on Russia. Options on the table are the use of the full flexibility of the EU rules to allow Member States to support the companies most affected, or special loans for them. EU Ministers for Economy and Finance already agreed to coordinate national measures in

order to protect European companies, like it happened during the covid crisis.

### ■ Energy Prices

The European Commission postponed its Communication on Energy Prices, which was due to be released on 2 March. The document will address also the EU's energy dependency on Russia.

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