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■ Gas Supply

The EC presented its proposal for a new legislative tool that will set a target for all Member States to reduce gas demand by 15% between 1 August 2022 and 31 March 2023, with the possibility for the Commission to declare a “Union alert” on security of supply, imposing a mandatory gas demand reduction in case of emergency. The Commission also intends to intensify its commitment on supply diversification, including through joint purchasing of gas.

[EC Communication – Annex – EC proposal for a Council Regulation on Coordinated Demand Reduction Measures](#)

■ State Aid Temporary Crisis Framework

The EC adopted an amendment to the State aid Temporary Crisis Framework adopted last March in order to support the economy in the context of the

invasion of Ukraine by Russia. The amendment extends the framework by providing for the a series of additional types of aid, such as measures accelerating the rollout of renewable energy and to facilitate the decarbonisation of industrial processes. Aid under these sections may be granted until 30 June 2023. The adopted amendment complements the Commission’s package on gas supply.

[Amendment to the Framework – EC dedicated page](#)

■ Digital Markets Act

The Council adopted the Digital Markets Act, which will define new rules for large online platforms, the so-called gatekeepers. In the coming months the text will be published in the EU Official Journal and will start to apply six months later.

[Digital Markets Act](#)

■ Sanctions Russia

The Council adopted a so-called “maintenance and alignment” package to tighten the existing sanctions against Russia and introduce a new prohibition to purchase, import or transfer directly or indirectly gold. (covering also jewellery). The package also extends the list of dual use items and clarifies certain aspects of the existing measures, for instance in the field of public procurement and aviation. Last but not least, the list of individuals and entities under sanctions have been extended.

[Dedicated page – Dedicated page](#)

■ Revision of the Union Customs Code

The EC launched a consultation to review the Union Customs Code, with the aim to strengthen the legal framework. Contributions can be submitted until 14 September.

[EC consultation page](#)

■ Anti-dumping

Commission Implementing Regulation of 18 July 2022 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/492 imposing definitive anti-dumping duties on 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.

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2022/1233](#)

■ Chemicals

The EC is collecting feedback on its initiative to improve chemical safety through better access to data, by removing technical and administrative obstacles. Contributions can be submitted until 16 August.

[EC consultation page](#)

■ General Product Safety Regulation

The Council adopted its position on the proposal for a regulation on general product safety. The revised rules will transform the 2001 general product safety directive into a regulation and will ensure that products of the digital age meet the safety standards. Inter-institutional negotiations with the European Parliament will start soon.

[Council general approach](#)

■ 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

■ Sustainable Consumption

The EC published the first progress report of enterprises participating in the Green Consumption Pledge, the initiative which encourages companies to take a voluntary pledge to support sustainable consumption.

[EC dedicated page](#)

■ Electricity Transmission System Operation

The European Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators published the first Implementing Monitoring Report on the progresses made in implementing the System Operation Guideline.

[ACER Implementation Monitoring Report](#)

/ Decision

EC Decision of 21 July – Hartree / CATL / CFC / JV

■ Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply

The EC approved the creation of a joint venture by Hartree Partners Singapore Pte. Limited, Contemporary Amperex Technology Co. Ltd. (“CATL”) and Cathay Fortune Corporation (“CFC”).

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 16 July – KKR / Hitachi Transport System

■ Warehousing and support activities for transportation

The EC approved the acquisition of Hitachi Transport System Ltd. by KKR & Co. Inc.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 16 July – Bouygues / Equans

■ Electrical installation; plumbing, heat and air conditioning installation

The EC approved Bouygues’s acquisition of Equans, subject to conditions.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 15 July – SK Capital Partners / Polymer Additives Holdings

■ Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products

The EC approved the acquisition of Polymer Additives Holdings Inc. (“Valtris”) by SK Capital Partners LP.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 15 July – TA Associates / Clearlake / Kofax

■ Software publishing

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Kofax Parent Limited by TA Associates Management L.P. and Clearlake Capital Group L.P.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 15 July – PKN Orlen / Normbenz / Selected Hungarian and Slovak Assets of MOL

■ Retail sale of automotive fuel in specialised stores

The EC approved the acquisition of Normbenz Magyarorsag Kft and of a number of assets of MOL Hungarian Oil and Gas Plc. by PKN Orlen S.A.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 15 July – MOL / Lotos Paliwa

■ Retail sale of automotive fuel in specialised stores

The EC approved the acquisition of Lotos Paliwa Sp. z o.o. by MOL Hungarian Oil and Gas Plc.

[Case information](#)

/ From the OJEU

■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration VUB / Slovenska Sporitelna / Tatra Banka / 365.Bank / CSOB / JV – Case M.10378 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 281/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Waterland / Kidsfoundation / Partou – Case M.10780 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 281/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Sagard / Bpifrance / Adit JV – Case M.10764 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 278/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Segro / PSPIB / Wroclaw Site – Case M.9286 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 278/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration VISTA / ELLIOTT / CITRIX SYSTEMS / TIBCO – Case M.10672 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 277/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Parker & Meggitt – Case M.10506 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 274/01 – Case information](#)

■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Kingspan / Ondura – Case M.10718 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 281/06 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Infracore / DG Fibre / DGN – Case M.10801 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 281/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration KKR / Contourglobal – Case M.10804 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 280/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration CVC / Nordic Capital / Cary Group – Case M.10828 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 280/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration MDP / HPS / PREMFINA / iGO4 – Case M.10805 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 278/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration PERMIRA / SESTANT / KEDRION / BPL – Case M.10680 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 277/07 – Case information](#)

/ Brussels intern

■ Cyber-security

The consolidated text of the new Directive on security of network and information systems (NIS II) was adopted by the Industry Committee of the European Parliament. The plenary vote is expected for October.

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