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## / Main Topics

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| ■ General    | ■ Bank/Insurance/Tax | ■ Enviroment    | ■ Media/Telecom | ■ Competition/SA |
| ■ Healthcare | ■ Aviation/Transport | ■ Foreign Trade | ■ Energy        | ■ Compliance     |

## / Law

### ■ Single Market Emergency Instrument

The EC presented its proposal for the new Single Market Emergency Instrument (SMEI), which aims to establish a comprehensive crisis framework to preserve the single market and to secure supply chains in the event of future emergencies. The SMEI will complement other European measures for crisis management with a mechanism which will monitor the single market and identify the different levels of risk while coordinating appropriate responses. The proposal will now be discussed by the European Parliament and Council.

[EC proposal for a Regulation establishing a SMEI](#)

[EC proposal for a Regulation as regards emergency procedures for the conformity assessment, adoption of common specifications and market surveillance – EC proposal for a Directive as regards emergency procedures](#)

### ■ State Aid – IPCEI

The EC approved a second Important Project of Common European Interest (“IPCEI”) to support the construction of relevant infrastructure in the hydrogen value chain. The project, called “IPCEI Hy2Use”, involves 29 companies from 13 Member States: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain and Sweden.

[EC press release](#)

### ■ 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

### ■ Trade Defence

The EC published its Annual Report on the EU's trade defence activities of 2021, which also includes a

selection of cases and interesting trade defence-related court judgments.

[EC Report – EC Staff Working Document](#)

## / Decision

### EC Decision of 21 September – AGC Glass Europe / Interpane

#### ■ Manufacture and processing of glass

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Interpane International Glass GmbH and Interpane Glass Holding AG by AGC Glass Europe SA.

[Case information](#)

### EC Decision of 20 September – CapVest / Natra

#### ■ Manufacture of cocoa, chocolate and sugar confectionery

The EC approved the acquisition of Natra S.A.U. by CapVest Partners LLP.

[Case information](#)

### EC Decision of 19 September – NIS / HIPP

#### ■ Manufacture of plastics in primary forms; manufacture of refined petroleum products; manufacture of synthetic rubber in primary forms

The EC approved the acquisition of HIP-Petrohemija LLC Pancevo ("HIPP") by Naftna Industrija Srbije a.d. Novi Sad ("NIS").

[Case information](#)

### EC Decision of 19 September – BC Partners / Bain Capital / Fedrigoni

#### ■ Manufacture of pulp, paper and paperboard

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Fedrigoni Spa by BC Partners LLP and Bain Capital Investors LLC.

[Case information](#)

## / From the OJEU

### ■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration INPEX / SC / SEML – Case M.10811 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 363/04 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration CVC Funds / Visma Custom Solutions – Case M.10846 has been published.

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[Document 2022/C 363/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Digitalbridge / Brookfield / DTAG / JV – Case M.10868 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 363/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration PGGM / DIF / FUDURA – Case M.10719 has been published.

### [Document 2022/C 363/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration MDP / HPS / Premfina / iGO4 – Case M.10805 has been published.

### [Document 2022/C 360/05 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Infravia / P4 / Fiberforce – Case M.10844 has been published.

### [Document 2022/C 360/04 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Permira / H&F / Zendesk – Case M.10848 has been published.

### [Document 2022/C 360/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration HP / Poly – Case M.10737 has been published.

### [Document 2022/C 360/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Oaktree / CPP Investments / Ports America – Case M.10856 has been published.

### [Document 2022/C 360/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Brookfield / Homeserve – Case M.10808 has been published.

### [Document 2022/C 358/01 – Case information](#)

### **■ Prior notification of concentrations**

Prior notification of the concentration HG / WCAS / Warburg Pincus / Norstella – Case M.10845 has been published.

### [Document 2022/C 364/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Salmar / NTS – Case M.10699 has been published.

### [Document 2022/C 364/04 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Trivium / Tchibo – Case M.10885 has been published.

### [Document 2022/C 363/12 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Scintia / Beiersdorf – Case M.10827 has been published.

### [Document 2022/C 363/11 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration CVC / LGP / Green Veracity Acquisition Holdings – Case M.10878 has been published.

### [Document 2022/C 363/10 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration NBH / NLMK Dansteel – Case M.10847 has been published.

### [Document 2022/C 362/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Safran / MBDA / Compagnie Industrielle des Lasers Cilas – Case M.10640 has been published.

### [Document 2022/C 360/08 – Case information](#)

## / Brussels intern

### **■ Artificial Intelligence Act**

The Czech Republic, which currently holds the six-month rotating Presidency of the Council, released a new partial compromise on the AI Act which will be discussed at the Telecom Working Party meeting on 29 September. Main concerns are the categorisation of high-risk systems and the obligations for AI providers. The AI Act will be complemented by the AI Liability Directive which shall be published by the European Commission on 28 September and shall apply to non-The information in this newsletter does not replace advice in any particular case.

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contractual civil law claims for damages originating from AI.

### **■ Climate and Environment Laws**

October will be a busy month for several proposals on climate and environment. Inter-institutional negotiations (so-called trilogues) between representatives of the Council, European Parliament and European Commission on the revision of the EU Emission Trading System and of the Market Stability

Reserve are planned for 10 October. Negotiations on the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism are scheduled for 4 October; while trilogues on the proposal on CO2 standards for cars on 27 October.

### ■ Sanctions – Russia

Following latest escalation, the European Commission is considering a new round of sanctions against Russia. Consultations on the next package are expected to start

in the coming days and on the table there are different options including sectorial sanctions and more listings of individuals, together with the cap on the price of Russian oil.

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