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/ Main Topics

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

/ Law

■ Competition – HBERs

The EC launched a consultation on the draft text of two regulations extending the validity until 30 June 2023 of the horizontal block exemption regulations on Research & Development and Specialisation Agreements (HBERs), which are due to expire at the end of the year. Contributions can be submitted until 14 November.

[EC dedicated page](#)

■ Trade – Anti-coercion Instrument

The International Trade Committee of the European Parliament adopted its negotiating position on the proposal for a regulation on the protection of the EU from economic coercion by third countries. Lawmakers amended the original Commission’s proposal by broadening the scope of the instrument in order to

include the mere threat of coercion as a reason to react to that through the imposition of tariffs but also other reactive measures. The Committee introduced a provision for a review of the instrument in three years to check its compatibility with the European Blocking Statute, currently under review. The Parliament in plenary needs to adopt the text. Inter-institutional negotiations with representatives of the Council will start once Member States have adopted their position.

[EP draft report on the proposal for a regulation on the protection of the Union and its Member States from economic coercion by third countries](#)

■ Anti-dumping

The Commission Implementing Regulation of 10 October 2022 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of sodium cyclamate originating in the People’s Republic of China and Indonesia following an expiry review pursuant to article 11(2) of Regulation

2016/1036 has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Implementing Regulation 2022/1924](#)

■ Markets in Crypto-Assets

The Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee of the European Parliament adopted the provisional agreement reached with the Council on the proposal for a Regulation on markets in crypto-assets. The text needs to be confirmed by the Parliament in plenary and also adopted by the Council.

[Provisional agreement](#)

■ Capital Markets Union

The EC published a report on the functioning of the Securitisation Regulation.

[EC Report](#)

/ Politics/General

■ Trade Agreements

The EC published the 2nd Annual Report on the Implementation and Enforcement of EU Trade Agreements.

[EC Report](#)

■ Investments

The European Supervisory Authorities (ESAs) submitted to the EC its final report with draft Regulatory Technical Standards (RTS) on the disclosure of financial products' exposure to investments in fossil gas and nuclear energy activities under the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR).

[ESAs Final Report](#)

■ Standardisation Rules

The Council and the European Parliament reached a provisional political agreement on the proposal to amend the European standardisation regulation which will introduce new requirements for European standardisation organisations to ensure the involvement of national standardisation bodies. The provisional agreement is subject to approval by the two co-legislators. The regulation will enter into force on the 20th day after its publication in the EU Official Journal. The agreed text will be available soon.

■ 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](#)

■ Banking

The European Banking Authority published its quarterly Risk Dashboard covering the main risks and vulnerabilities in the EU banking sector.

[EBA dedicated page](#)

■ Electricity Supply

The European Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators published its first monitoring report on security of electricity supply in the Member States.

[ACER report](#)

/ Decision

EC Decision of 13 October – Hanwha Q Cells / Enercity / Lynqtech

■ Computer programming; information service activities

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of LynqTech GmbH by Hanwha Q Cells GmbH and Enercity Digital GmbH.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 13 October – SNAM / ENI / JV

■ Distribution of gaseous fuels through mains

The EC approved the creation of a joint venture by SNAM Spa and ENI Spa.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 12 October – 3D Systems / Dussur / JV

■ Printing and service activities related to printing

The EC approved the creation of a joint venture by 3D Systems Inc. (“3DS”) and Saudi Arabian Industrial Investments Company (“Dussur”).

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 11 October – NBH / NLMK Dansteel

■ Manufacture of basic iron and steel and of ferro-alloys

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of NLMK DanSteel A/S by NLMK Belgium Holdings SA (“NBH”).

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 11 October – Celanese / DuPont (Mobility & Materials Business)

■ Manufacture of chemicals and of plastics

The EC approved the proposed acquisition of DuPont’s Mobility and Materials Business by Celanese subject to conditions.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 10 October – HG / WCAS / Warburg Pincus / Norstella

■ Data processing, hosting and related activities; web portals

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Mahalo Group Holdings LLC and Caerus PIKCo Sarl by HgCapital LLP and Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe (“WCAS”) and Warburg Pincus LLC.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 10 October – Blackstone / Rivean / Esdec Solar Group

■ Wholesale of other machinery and equipment

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of ESDEC Solar Group B.V. by Rivean Capital B.V. and Blackstone Inc.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 10 October – KfW / Nederlandse Gasunie / JV

■ Manufacture of gas; distribution of gaseous fuels through mains

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of German LNG Terminal GmbH by KfW and Nederlandse Gasunie.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 07 October – Trivium / TCHIBO

■ Processing of tea and coffee; wholesale and retail sale

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of TCHIBO Anlagenverwaltungsgesellschaft mbH and TCHIBO GmbH by Trivium Vermögensverwaltungs GmbH.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 07 October – Scintia / Beiersdorf

■ Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products; manufacture of glues; manufacture of soap and detergents

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Beiersdorf AG by Scintia Vermögensverwaltungs GmbH.

[Case information](#)

/ From the OJEU

■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Raffles / APG / CMGO / TSH – Case M.10858 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 395/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Danske Bank / Lansforasakringar Bank / Nordea / SBAB Bank / SEB / Handelsbanken / Swedbank / JV – Case M.10766 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 393/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Geely / Renault Korea Motors – Case M.10872 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 393/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration CNP / CVA – Case M.10889 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 388/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration P2X Europe / NVG / P2X Portugal JV – Case M.10869 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 388/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Securitas / Stanley Security – Case M.10594 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 388/01 – Case information](#)

■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Cintra / Abertis / Itinere / BIP & Drive – Case M.10561 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 395/11 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration ALD / Leaseplan – Case M.10638 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 393/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Athora / Axa Customer Solutions – Case M.10895 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 393/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration GIP / Meridiam / Veolia (Hazardous Waste Business) – Case M.10759 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 391/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Hitachi Rail / Ground Transportation Systems Business of Thales – Case M.10507 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 391/04 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Interparking Servizi / GKSD / JV – Case M.10922 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 390/06 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Ineos / Sinoper / Ineos Styrolution Advanced Materials – Case M.10888 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 390/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration INEOS / SINOPEC / JV – Case M.10887 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 390/04 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration GIP / Meridiam / Suez Recycling and Recovery UK Group Holdings Ltd – Case M.10945 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 388/09 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Quattror / IMTC / MTD – Case M.10893 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 388/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Ineo / Sinopec / Shanghai Secco Petrochemical – Case M.10886 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 388/07 – Case information](#)

reached in June, now Member States will have to agree on the remaining part. The Presidency of the Council aims to reach an overall general approach in December.

/ Brussels intern

■ Energy Crisis

On 18 October the European Commission is expected to release its proposals on joint gas purchasing and on an alternative price benchmarks for gas.

■ Environmental Crime

EU Ministers held a discussion on the draft environmental crime directive, which was presented by the European Commission last December. The new law will replace the existing directive of 2008, updating the list of offences covered and including new types of environmental damage, such as illegal water abstraction, illegal trade in wood or the illegal recycling of polluting boats. A partial general approach was

■ Artificial Intelligence

The Czech Presidency of the Council shall present by the end of the month a new compromise proposal on the AI Act.

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