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/ Main Topics

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

/ Law

■ Late Payments Directive

The EC is collecting feedback on the Late Payments Directive. Contributions can be submitted until 09 February. A public consultation for the revision of the rules will be launched by the Spring. The Commission plans to adopt a revised directive by the end of the year.

[EC dedicated page](#)

■ Competition

The EC extended the scope of its anonymous antitrust whistleblower tool to include mergers and state aid issues.

[EC dedicated page](#)

■ Antitrust – Sustainability Agreements in Agriculture

The EC launched a public consultation on draft guidelines covering the exemption from competition rules of sustainability agreements in the agricultural sector. Contributions can be submitted until 24 April. The EC will then analyse the comments received and if necessary review the draft. The final guidelines shall be in place by 8 December 2023.

[EC consultation page](#)

■ Dual-use Items

Commission Delegated Regulation of 21 October 2022 amending Regulation (EU) 2021/821 of the European Parliament and the Council as regards the list of dual-use items has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2023/66](#)

■ **Anti-dumping**

Commission Implementing Regulation of 11 January 2023 imposing a provisional anti-dumping duty on imports of stainless steel refillable kegs originating in the People's Republic of China has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2023/100](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation of 11 January 2023 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and

definitively collecting the provisional duty imposed on imports of certain aluminium road wheels originating in Morocco has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2023/99](#)

■ **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

■ **Digital Decade Programme**

The 2030 Digital Decade Policy Programme has entered into force. It consists of a monitoring and cooperation mechanism to achieve common targets for Europe's digital transformation by 2030, focusing in four key areas: digital skills, infrastructure including connectivity, digitalisation of businesses and online public services. The EC will publish an annual progress report, the so-called State of the Digital Decade, to provide an update and assessment of the actions taken by Member States and to lay down recommendation on progress towards the targets.

[EC dedicated page](#)

■ **Payment Services Directive**

The European Banking Authority published its peer review on authorisation of payment institutions and e-money institutions under the revised Payment Services Directive (PSD2).

[EBA report](#)

/ Decision

EC Decision of 11 January – Apollo / Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings

■ **Freight air transport**

The EC approved the acquisition of Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings Inc. by Apollo Management L.P.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 11 January – Bain Capital / Caverion

■ **Electrical, plumbing and other construction installation activities; engineering activities and related technical consultancy**

The EC approved the acquisition of Caverion Corporation by Bain Capital Investors LLC.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 09 January – Circle K / Schibsted / Elton Mobility

■ Distribution of electricity; retail sale of automotive fuel in specialised stores; other information technology and computer service activities

The EC approved the acquisition of Elton Mobility AS by Schibsted Norge AS and Circle K AS.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 09 January – Advent / DEM Business / HPM Business

■ Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products

The EC approved the acquisition of the engineering materials business of Koninklijke DSM N.V. (“DEM”) and the high performance materials business of Lanxess AG (“HPM”), by Advent International Corporation.

[Case information](#)

/ From the OJEU

■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration EDF Deutschland / Hazwei / Hypion Motion Neumünster JV – Case M.10937 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 10/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Etex / Xi (Ismat) Holdings – Case M.10645 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 10/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration JTCP / EPCG / Eroski S. Coop / Supratuc2020 – Case M.10884 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 6/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Astara Western Europe / Mitsubishi Corporation / Isuzu Motors Limited / Isuzu Sales Deutschland – Case M.10837 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 6/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration CURA / Generali / T-C PEP Property – Case M.10957 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 6/01 – Case information](#)

■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Blackstone / Emerson (HVAC and Refrigeration Technology Business) – Case M.10989 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 12/09 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Deutsche Telekom / Orange / Telefonica / Vodafone / JV – Case M.10815 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 12/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Wilmar / Clariant / Clariant Quats Business JV – Case M.10964 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 12/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Trafigura / Ecobat Resources Stolberg – Case M.10859 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 8/02 – Case information](#)

/ Brussels intern

■ Commission Agenda

The European Commission is planning to present its proposal for the European Critical Raw Materials Act

on 14 March; while the Patent Package, which will cover also compulsory licensing, standard essential patents and supplementary protection certificates, is expected for 26 April.

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■ Renewable Energy Directive

The fourth inter-institutional negotiating meeting between representatives of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission is scheduled for 7 February and it shall focus on targets for the use of renewable energy in the transport sector.

■ Digital Markets Act

The European Commission shall present a regulation on the implementation of the Digital Markets Act in the coming months, before the entry into force in May of the DMA.

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