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## / Law

### ■ Green Deal Industrial Plan

The EC presented its Communication "Green Deal Industrial Plan", in response to the US Inflation Reduction Act and the challenges of the energy crisis. The plan has four key pillars (the regulatory environment, financing, skills and trade) and aims to build the industrial capacity for the clean technologies and to support the fast transition to climate neutrality. As part of the plan, by mid-March the Commission will propose a Net-Zero Industry Act to identify targets for net-zero industrial capacity and provide a regulatory framework for the quick deployment of new technologies and simplified permitting for European strategic projects. National subsidies and tax credits for clean technologies are also part of the measures that will be presented. To avoid fragmentation of the Single Market, the EC is working on a European Sovereignty Fund to support small Member States. The framework will be complemented by the Critical Raw Materials Act

and the reform of the electricity market design. EU leaders will discuss the communication on 9 February.

### **EC Communication**

# ■ State Aid – Temporary Crisis and Transition Framework

As part of the Green Deal Industrial Plan, the EC is consulting Member States on the draft proposal to transform the State aid Temporary Crisis Framework into a Temporary Crisis and Transition Framework. The aim is to boost investments for a faster roll-out of renewable energies and to support the decarbonisation of the industry and the production of equipment necessary for the net-zero transition. The new provisions shall be adopted in the coming weeks and would be in place until 31 December 2025.

### **■** Ecodesign for Sustainable Products

The EC launched a consultation on the proposal on Ecodesign for Sustainable Products, to collect views on which products and measures would be prioritised for the establishment of specific ecodesign requirements. Contributions can be submitted until April 25.

EC consultation page

### **■** Digital Services Act

The EC published a list of non-binding guidelines to help online platforms and search engines comply.

#### DSA guidance

### ■ 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

### **■ Single Market Report**

The EC published the Annual Single Market Report of 2023 and the 2022 Single Market Scoreboard, which provides a detailed overview of how the European rules were applied in the European Economic Area.

<u>2023 Annual Single Market Report – 2022 Single Market Scoreboard</u>

### Banking

The European Banking Authority launched the EU-wide stress test for the year 2023 and unveiled the methodology it will apply.

EBA dedicated page

### ■ Sustainability Reporting

The European Banking Authority published an Opinion on the draft European sustainability Reporting Standards developed by the European Financial Reporting Advisory Group.

### **EBA Opinion**

#### ■ Internal Electricity Market

The European Court of Auditors published its special report on the Internal electricity market integration.

### **ECA report**

## / Decision

# EC Decision of 01 February – Trafigura / Ecobat Resources Stolberg

### Lead, zinc and tin production

The EC approved the acquisition of Ecobat Resources Stolberg GmbH ("ERS") by Trafigura Group Pte Limited.

### Case information

# EC Decision of 01 February – Blackstone / Emerson (Hvac and Refrigeration Technology Business)

■ Manufacture of electric domestic appliances; installation of industrial machinery and equipment

The EC approved the acquisition of Emerald JV Holdings L.P. by Blackstone Inc.

### **Case information**

# EC Decision of 27 January – Wilmar / Clariant / Clariant Quats Business JV

# Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Clariant's Quats Business by Clariant International Ltd. and Wilmar International Limited through their joint venture Global Amines Company Pte. Ltd. ("GAC").

**Case information** 

## / From the OJEU

### Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Hapag-Lloyd / Eurogate / Eurogate Container Terminal Wilhelmshaven – Case M.10522 has been published.

### Document 2023/C 41/02 - Case information

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Permira / Sestant / Kedrion / BPL – Case M.10680 has been published.

#### Document 2023/C 34/01 - Case information

### Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration INEOS / Sinopec / Ethylene JV – Case M.11010 has been published.

### <u>Document 2023/C 41/11</u> – <u>Case information</u>

Prior notification of the concentration Compagnia Siderurgica Italiana / Steelag Deutschland — Case M.11018 has been published.

### Document 2023/C 41/10 - Case information

Prior notification of the concentration Pon.Bike / VWFS / Glinicke / DML – Case M.11009 has been published.

#### Document 2023/C 41/09 – Case information

Prior notification of the concentration Vodafone Group / Altice Luxembourg / Fibreco – Case M.10973 has been published.

<u>Document 2023/C 41/08</u> – <u>Case information</u>

Prior notification of the concentration Geodis International / Trans-O-Flex Express – Case M.11024 has been published.

### Document 2023/C 40/05 - Case information

Prior notification of the concentration T-Mobile Austria Holding / Meridiam Investment / JV – Case M.10993 has been published.

### Document 2023/C 40/04 - Case information

Prior notification of the concentration Fortress Investment Group / Air Investment Valencia / JV – Case M.10970 has been published.

Document 2023/C 39/12 - Case information

Prior notification of the concentration Omron / Kirin / KTS – Case M.11034 has been published.

### Document 2023/C 39/11 - Case information

Prior notification of the concentration Davita / Medtronic / Medtronic Renal Care Solutions — Case M.10825 has been published.

### <u>Document 2023/C 39/10</u> – <u>Case information</u>

Prior notification of the concentration SABIC AN / ETG World / EIHL – Case M.10999 has been published.

Document 2023/C 36/04 - Case information

# / Brussels intern

■ Data Act

The Industry Committee of the European Parliament shall adopt its report on the so-called Data Act on 6 February. The Parliament in plenary is expected to confirm that in March.

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