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## Main Topics

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

# Law

## Intellectual Property Rights

The EC presented its package to update the intellectual property rights framework, which contains proposals on standard essential patents (SEP), compulsory licensing of patents in crisis situations and the revision of the legislation on supplementary protection certificates. In particular, with regard to the SEP reform, the Commission aims to have a more balanced framework with global benchmark for SEP transparency; interested parties can submit their comments on the proposal until June 23. The package will now be discussed by the European Parliament and the Council according to the ordinary legislative procedure.

[EC proposal for a regulation on SEP – EC proposal for a regulation on compulsory licensing – EC proposal for regulations on supplementary protection certificates – EC consultation page](#)

## Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism

The Council officially adopted the agreement reached with representatives of the European Parliament and the European Commission on the proposal for a regulation to establish a carbon border adjustment mechanism, which aims to equalize the carbon price between domestic and imported products by putting a carbon price on certain imported products while phasing out free allocation of emissions allowances. The text will soon be published in the EU Official Journal and enter into force 20 days later.

[Regulation establishing a CBAM](#)

## Emissions Trading System

The Council officially adopted the agreement reached with representatives of the European Parliament on the proposal for a revision of the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS). The new rules increase the reductions to 62% by 2030 in the covered sectors, compared to 2005 levels. Emissions from shipping will be included within the scope of the ETS for the first time. The text will soon be published in the EU Official Journal. A new separate system for the buildings, road transport and additional sectors has been established and will become operation from 2027; however, a safeguard has been put in place in case the price of oil and gas are exceptionally high.

[Revision of the ETS Directive – Amendment of the MRV shipping Regulation](#)

## Sustainable Aviation Fuels

Negotiators of the European Parliament, the Council and the European Commission reached a political agreement on the ReFuelEU Aviation proposal which will require aviation fuel supplier to supply a minimum share of sustainable aviation fuel at EU airports. In addition to that, as of 2025 there will be an EU label for the environmental performance of flights. The text now needs to be formally adopted by the European Parliament and the Council; then it will be published in the EU Official Journal and enter into force. The adopted text will be available soon.

[EC proposal on ensuring a level playing field for sustainable air transport](#)

## Digital Services Act

The EC adopted the first designation decisions under the Digital Services Act, appointing 17 Very Large Online Platforms (VLOPs) and 2 Very Large Search Engines (VLOSEs). These companies now need to

comply with the new obligations within four months. The Commission is still assessing whether other platforms shall be added to the list. The Commission also started a consultation on the conditions for data access from these companies; contributions can be submitted until 23 May.

[EC dedicated page – EC consultation page](#)

## Due Diligence

The leading Committee of the European Parliament adopted its report on the corporate sustainability due diligence proposal, which will establish new rules for companies to identify, prevent or mitigate the negative impact on human rights and the environment. The report now needs to be confirmed by the Parliament in plenary. Once the Parliament has adopted the report, inter-institutional negotiations with representatives of the other two institutions, the Council and the European Commission, on the final text of the legislation will start. The adopted text will be available soon.

## State Aid

The EC published the annual State Aid Scoreboard which provides a comprehensive overview of EU State aid expenditure based on the reports provided by the Member States.

[2022 State Aid Scoreboard](#)

## Detergents

The EC presented its proposal for a revised regulation on detergents which will cover new innovative products and will also introduce a digital labelling and a product passport for detergents and surfactants. The proposal will now be discussed by the European Parliament and the Council.

[EC proposal](#)

## Pharmaceuticals Legislation

The EC presented its proposals to revise the EU's pharmaceutical legislation, which aims to improve the security of supply, create a single market for medicines and make them more environmentally sustainable. The package includes two legislative proposals: a new directive with all the requirements for authorization, monitoring, labelling and placing on the market of all authorized medicines; and a new regulation with specific rules for medicines authorized at EU level. The proposals will now be discussed by the European Parliament and the Council. Interested parties can be submit their feedback on the package until June 22.

[EC dedicated page – EC consultation page](#)

## General Product Safety

The Council adopted the General Product Safety Regulation with revised rules on the safety and market surveillance of products sold both online and offline. The regulation will soon be published in the EU Official Journal and will enter into force on the 20<sup>th</sup> day after its publication.

[General product safety regulation](#)

## **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**

### **Banking**

The European Banking Authority and the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority published a revised version of the taxonomy architecture.

[EBA dedicated page](#)

## **Decision**

### **EC Decision of 25 April – RLBNW / ASM / Beta Pura Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products**

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Beta Pura GmbH by Raiffeisenlandesbank Niederösterreich.Wien AG (“RLBNW”) and AGRANA Sales & Marketing GmbH (“ASM”).

[Case information](#)

### **EC Decision of 24 April – Lear / IG Bauerhin Manufacture of parts and accessories for motor vehicles**

The EC approved the acquisition of IG Bauerhin GmbH (“IGB”) by Lear.

[Case information](#)

## **From the OJEU**

### **Non-opposition to concentrations**

Non-opposition to the notified concentration CDC Group / EDF / ENGIE / IN GROUPE / Archipels – Case M.11008 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 145/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Sabic AN / ETG World / EIHL – Case M.10999 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 143/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Phoenix / McKesson – Case M.10404 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 143/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Macquarie / Ivanhoe / RHP Partners Manager GP / JV – Case M.11064 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 142/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration ILS / DANX / JV – Case M.10971 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 141/01 – Case information](#)

## **Prior notification of concentrations**

Prior notification of the concentration BSA (Lactalis) / Ambrosi – Case M.10876 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 145/16 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Altor / Marlin / Meltwater – Case M.11058 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 145/15 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Liberty Global / Fluvius / Netco – Case M.10994 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 143/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Platinum Equity Group / Diversey Holdings – Case M.11091 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 143/04 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Air Liquide / ADP / JV – Case M.11016 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 142/12 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Chemours International / Fumatech / JV – Case M.11070 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 141/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration EFMS / SK Square / SK Shieldus – Case M.11090 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 141/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration KBR / Sun Capital / Homesafe JV – Case M.11083 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 141/06 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration One / Macquarie / YTI – Case M.11006 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 141/05 – Case information](#)

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### Product Liability

The Council is expected to reach a general approach to the Product Liability Directive before the end of June.

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