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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

## Artificial Intelligence

The Internal Market Committee and Civil Liberties Committee of the European Parliament adopted the Parliament's report on the Artificial Intelligence Act. This will be the world's first comprehensive legislation on AI and it will follow a risk-based approach establishing different obligations for providers and users based on the level of risk. Among other things, the lawmakers included bans on biometric surveillance and the right to make complaints about AI systems. The Parliament in plenary needs to endorse the report, most likely during the mid-June session. Then negotiations with the Council on the final version of the legislation will start.

[EP draft report](#)

## Greenwashing

The European Parliament in plenary adopted the draft legislation on empowering consumers for the green transition, improving product labelling and durability while putting a stop to misleading claims. Inter-institutional negotiations between representatives of the Council and the European Parliament on the final shape of the proposed directive will start soon.

[EP adopted text](#)

## Zero Pollution

The EC launched a public consultation to collect input on the implementation of the "polluter pays" principle in the EU. Contributions can be submitted until 04 August. This exercise is part of a comprehensive policy evaluation and the feedback received will serve to prepare a recommendation on how to better implement it.

[EC consultation page](#)

## Methane Emissions

The European Parliament adopted its report on the proposed regulation on methane emissions reduction in the energy sector. The new rules will target direct methane emissions from the oil, fossil gas and coal industries; Members of the Parliament also call for the inclusion of the petrochemicals sector. Negotiations with the Council on the final shape of the legislation can now start.

[EP adopted text](#)

## State Aid

The General Court of the EU annulled the decision of the European Commission approving the recapitalization of Lufthansa by Germany (Cases T-34/21 & T-87/21) under the State aid Temporary Framework in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic.

[Court press release](#)

## Hazardous Chemicals

The EC launched a public consultation in preparation of a mechanism to prohibit the production and/or export of certain hazardous chemicals banned in the EU because of their dangerous properties and unacceptable risks to human health or the environment. Contributions can be submitted until 31 July. The initiative shall be adopted in the fourth quarter of the year.

[EC dedicated page](#)

## Medical Devices

The EC invited interested parties to submit information that could assist the scientific committee with their assessment and update of the existing guidelines on the benefit-risk assessment of the presence of phthalates in certain medical devices. Contributions can be submitted until 17 July.

[EC dedicated page](#)

## 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

## Customs Union

The European Court of Auditors published its special report on the EU's customs facilitation programme for reliable traders, so-called Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) programme.

[ECA dedicated page](#)

## Chips Act

The EC launched a pilot system to monitor the semiconductor supply chain, so-called Semiconductor Alert System. The aim for the Commission is to collect information in order to assess the risk of critical disruption.

[EC dedicated page](#)

## Banking

The European Banking Authority launched a signposting tool for supervisory reporting to support banks in the compliance process.

[EBA dedicated page](#)

# Decision

## **EC Decision of 11 May – KBR / Sun Capital / HomeSafe JV Removal services**

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of HomeSafe Alliance LLC (“HomeSafe”) by KBR Services LLC and Tier One Relocation LLC (“T.O.”).

[Case information](#)

## **EC Decision of 10 May – Rocky / Centerbridge / Indus Reit Real estate activities**

The EC approved the acquisition of INDUS Realty Trust Inc. (“INDUS”) by Rocky Industrial LLC (“Rocky”) and Centerbridge Partners L.P. (“Centerbridge”).

[Case information](#)

## **EC Decision of 09 May – Chemours / BWT Fumatech Mobility / JV**

### **Manufacture of parts and accessories for motor vehicles**

The EC approved the creation of a joint venture by The Chemours Company Inc. (“Chemours”) and BWT Fumatech Mobility GmbH (“Fumatech”).

[Case information](#)

## **EC Decision of 09 May – AXPO Iberia / ACSA Obras e Infraestructuras / Noguera Renovables Manufacture of gas; distribution of gaseous fuels through mains**

The EC approved the acquisition of Noguera Renovables S.L. by Axpo Iberia S.L.U. and ACSA, Obras e Infraestructuras S.A.U. (“ACSA”).

[Case information](#)

## **EC Decision of 09 May – ONE / Macquarie / Trapac Service activities incidental to water transportation**

The EC approved the acquisition of International Transportation Inc. (“ITI”) by Skipjack Terminal Holdings (“Skipjack”) and Ocean Network Express Pte. Ltd. (“ONE”).

[Case information](#)

## **EC Decision of 05 May – AXA Spain / GACM Spain Insurance, reinsurance and pension funding**

The EC approved the acquisition of GACM Espana S.A.U. by AXA Seguros Generales S.A. de Seguros y Reaseguros (“AXA Seguros Generales”).

[Case information](#)

## **EC Decision of 05 May – HG / EFMS / Trustquay / Viewpoint**

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Tanqueray Topco Limited (“TrustQuay”) and Viewpoint Software Holding Pte. Ltd. by HgCapital LLP and EQT Fund Management S.a.r.l. (“EFMS”).

[Case information](#)

# **From the OJEU**

## **Non-opposition to concentrations**

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Aramco Overseas Company / Lotos SPV 1 – Case M.10697 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 166/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration CMA CGM / GEFECO – Case M.10733 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 166/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Ebert Hera Esser Holding / ServiceCo – Case M.11075 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 165/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Bunge / SC Frich Envol / SC One / BZ Group – Case M.10891 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 163/05 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration OMRON / KIRIN / KTS – Case M.11034 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 163/04 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration GIP / Meridiam / Veolia (Hazardous Waste Business) – Case M.10759 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 163/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Infinigate / Nuvias – Case M.10840 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 163/02 – Case information](#)

## Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Blackrock / Mubadala / Goldman Sachs / Equitix / Calisen / Mapleco – Case M.11072 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 169/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration PEP / SCP / HYVE – Case M.11124 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 169/04 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Toyofuji / NYK / Kamigumi / TTC / PT. Patimban – Case M.11059 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 163/11 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Capgemini / Orange / JV – Case M.10855 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 163/10 – Case information](#)

# Brussels intern

## EU-US Trade and Technology Council

Representatives of the European Commission and the US administration will meet at the end of the month for the 4<sup>th</sup> summit of the Trade and Technology Council (TTC). On the agenda of the meeting there is the issue of the transition towards a net zero economy. In addition to that, the two parties will also discuss the introduction of new export controls on sensitive items, especially on semiconductors.

## EU – ASEAN Competition Policy

Representatives of the EU and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) met in Bangkok to discuss cooperation on competition policy and enforcement. Discussions covered in particular cartel investigation techniques and subsidy control.

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