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Main Topics

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Law

Euro 7

The responsible Committee at the European Parliament voted in favor of the provisional agreement reached with the Council and the European Commission last December on the proposal for a regulation for the type-approval and market surveillance of motor vehicles (Euro 7). The text now needs to be formally adopted by the Parliament in plenary and the Council.

[Provisional agreement on the proposal for a regulation on type-approval of motor vehicles and engines and of systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles, with respect to their emissions and battery durability \(Euro 7\)](#)

Ecodesign for Sustainable Products

The Environment Committee of the European Parliament voted in favor of the provisional agreement reached with the Council and the European Commission on the proposal for a new Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation, which will establish a general framework for the future setting of ecodesign requirements for all products placed on the Union market, with the exception of food, feed and medicinal products. Next step is the approval by the Parliament in plenary, then by the Council.

[Provisional agreement on the proposal for a regulation establishing a framework for setting ecodesign requirements for sustainable products](#)

Labelling and Packaging

The Environment Committee of the European Parliament voted in favor of the provisional agreement on the proposal for a regulation on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures, reached with the Council. The text will have to be adopted by the Parliament in plenary, then by the Council.

[Provisional agreement on the regulation on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures](#)

Industrial Emissions

The Environment Committee of the European Parliament voted in favor of the provisional agreement on the revision of the Industrial Emission Directive (IED) and the Regulation on the establishment of an Industrial Emissions Portal (IEP) reached with the Council last November. The text will have to be adopted by the Parliament in plenary, then by the Council.

[Provisional agreement on the directive on industrial emissions](#)

Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment

The Environment Committee of the European Parliament voted in favor of the provisional agreement reached with the Council and the European Commission on the proposal for a directive on waste electrical and electronic equipment, which will amend Directive 2012/19/EU. The deal now needs to be adopted by the Parliament in plenary, then by the Council.

[Provisional agreement on directive on waste electrical and electronic equipment](#)

Competition in Virtual Worlds

The EC launched two calls for contributions on competition in virtual worlds and generative artificial intelligence (“AI”). Interested parties can submit their contributions until 11 March. A dedicated workshop is planned for the second quarter of the year.

[EC dedicated page](#)

Competition – Google Shopping Case

In its opinion, the Advocate General of the EU Court of Justice proposes that the Court dismiss the appeal brought by Google against the European Commission and confirm the fine imposed on Google for abuse of dominant position on markets for online search services.

[Advocate General opinion](#)

Competitiveness

Member States’ ambassadors at the Council approved a partial political agreement on the Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform (STEP), which will support investments in critical technologies in the fields of digital and deep tech, clean tech and biotech. Negotiations with the European Parliament will start soon. Once an agreement is reached, the regulation will need to be formally adopted by the two co-legislators.

[Council mandate](#)

Trade Remedies

Commission Implementing Regulation of 10 January 2024 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and definitively collecting the provisional duty imposed on imports of steel bulb flats originating in the People’s Republic of China and Türkiye has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2024/209](#)

Notice of initiation of an expiry review of the anti-dumping measures applicable to imports of aluminium radiators originating in the People’s Republic of China has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Document C/2024/680](#)

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

MiFID II

The European Securities and Markets Authority launched a Common Supervisory Action (CSA) with National Competition Authorities which will have the goal to assess the implementation of pre-trade controls by EU investment firms.

Banking

The European Banking Authority published its final draft Regulatory Technical Standards (RTS) and final draft Implementing Technical Standards (ITS) on the functioning of supervisory colleges under the Capital Requirements Directive.

[EBA dedicated page](#)

EU Energy Regulators

The EU Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators published its multi-annual program with goals and priorities for the years 2024-2026 in addition to the annual work programme.

[ACER document](#)

Decision

EC Decision of 11 January – FS Investments / KKR / Wittur Manufacture of lifting and handling equipment

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Wittur International Holding GmbH (“Wittur”) by Franklin Square Holdings L.P. (“FS Investments”) and KKR & Co. Inc. (“KKR”).

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 10 January – Verbund / Burgenland Energie / JV

Manufacture of industrial gases

The EC approved the creation of a joint venture by VERBUND and Burgenland Energie.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 10 January – Eiffage Group / Salvia Holding / Salvia Group

Electrical installation; engineering activities and related technical consultancy

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Salvia Group GmbH by Salvia Holding GmbH and Eiffage Energie Systemes Participations SAS.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 08 January – Buckland / Hy24 Investor / ICE Manufacture of industrial gases

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of InterContinental Energy Holdings Group Limited (“ICE”) by Buckland Investment Pte. Ltd. (“Buckland”) and Clean H2 Infra Fund S.L.P. (“Hy24 Investor”).

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 08 January – Volvo / Renault / Flexeco JV Manufacture of motor vehicles; rental and leasing of cars and light motor vehicles

The EC approved the creation of a joint venture between Volvo Business Services International AB and Renault SAS.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 08 January – Aid to Northvolt Germany GmbH Manufacture of batteries and accumulators

The EC approved a German State aid measure to support Northvolt in the construction of an electric vehicle battery production plant, using for the first time the “matching aid”, the new feature of the Temporary Crisis and Transition Framework.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 05 January – I Squared Capital / Arriva Passenger rail transport; other passenger land transport

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Arriva Plc by I Squared Capital Advisors LLC.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 05 January – Kesko / Davidsen Wholesale of wood, construction materials and sanitary equipment; retail sale of hardware, paints and glass

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Davidsen Koncernen A/S by Kesko Corporation.

[Case information](#)

From the OJEU

Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Volvo / Renault / Flexeco JV – Case M.11051 has been published.

[Document C/2024/821](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration PRAX / OIL! – Case M.11284 has been published.

[Document C/2024/808](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Cinven / Synlab – Case M.11300 has been published.

[Document C/2024/796](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration CAI / Banque Degroof Petercam – Case M.11311 has been published.

[Document C/2024/789](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Totalenergies / Total Eren – Case M.11076 has been published.

[Document C/2024/786](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Equitix / Cube / River Ridge – Case M.11055 has been published.

[Document C/2024/785](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration INEOS / Sinopec / ABS JV – Case M.11290 has been published.

[Document C/2024/784](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration CEVA Logistics / FNAC Darty / JV – Case M.11333 has been published.

[Document C/2024/672](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Sumitomo / Osaka Gas / I Squared / Think Gas / AG&P City Gas – Case M.11343 has been published.

[Document C/2024/782](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Mercedes-Benz Group / BMW / JV – Case M.11384 has been published.

[Document C/2024/781](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Oakley Capital / 21 Invest Group / PLG – Case M.11398 has been published.

[Document C/2024/780](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Gharage / Dufry International / Jet Central Core / Duffle (JV) – Case M.11294 has been published.

[Document C/2024/778](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration VWFS / PON Bike / BMS – Case M.11321 has been published.

[Document C/2024/683](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration JSW / JFE / JV – Case M.11421 has been published.

[Document C/2024/681](#) – [Case information](#)

Brussels intern

Packaging and Waste

Inter-institutional negotiations between the Council, the European Parliament and the Commission on the final version of the proposal for a regulation on packaging and packaging waste will start on 5 February.

Chinese Batteries

The European Commission stated that it will launch investigations into Chinese car batteries in case “evidence that products are imported under unfair and injurious conditions” are provided.

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