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Main Topics

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Healthcare	Aviation/Transport	Foreign Trade	Energy Compliance	Food/Tobacco

Law

Forced Labour Regulation

Negotiators of the European Parliament, the Council and the European Commission reached a provisional agreement on the proposal for a regulation to ban products made with forced labour from the EU market. The European Commission and national authorities will have the power to investigate suspected use of forced labour in companies' supply chains. In order to support operators and competent authorities, the Commission will issue guidelines and best practices. In addition to that, a Forced Labour Single Portal, a database of risk areas and sectors, and a whistleblower portal would be set up. The agreement now needs to be endorsed and formally adopted by both the European Parliament and the Council. Once the regulation is published in the EU Official Journal, Member States will have three years to start applying the new rules. The agreed text will be available soon.

[EC proposal for a Regulation on prohibiting products made with forced labour on the Union market](#)

State Aid and Sustainable Mobility

The EC launched a call for evidence on its plan to simplify state aid procedures in the field of land transport, in particular for rail, inland waterway, and multimodal transport. Contributions can be submitted until 3 April. The information gathered will feed into the assessment of the different policy options to review the current framework.

[EC dedicated page](#)

Packaging

Negotiators of the European Parliament, the Council and the European Commission reached a provisional political agreement on the proposal for a regulation on packaging and packaging waste, which will set packaging reduction targets, introduce labelling harmonization requirements, and ban the use of the so-called forever chemicals in food contact packaging. The text now needs to be endorsed and formally adopted by the two co-legislators, the European Parliament and the Council. The text of the agreement will be available soon.

[EC proposal for a Regulation on packaging and packaging waste](#)

E-Waste

The Council adopted the amendments to the directive on waste from electrical and electronic equipment. The text will soon be published in the EU Official Journal. Member States will have up to 18 months to transpose the amended directive into national law.

[Directive on waste electrical and electronic equipment](#)

Hybrid Cars

Commission Implementing Decision of 01 March 2024 amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/1119 as regards the calculation of the CO₂ savings and of the statistical margin for certain not off-vehicle charging hybrid electric passenger cars has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Implementing Decision 2024/766](#)

Trade Remedies

Commission Implementing Regulation of 06 March 2024 correcting Implementing Regulation 2023/2180 amending Implementing Regulation 2021/607 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of citric acid originating in the People's Republic of China as extended to imports of citric acid consigned from Malaysia, whether declared as originating in Malaysia or not, following a new exporter review pursuant to Article 11(4) of Regulation 2016/1036 of the European Parliament and of the Council has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2024/793](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation of 04 March 2024 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain cast iron articles originating in the People's Republic of China following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation 2016/1036 of the European Parliament and of the Council has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2024/770](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation of 7 March 2024 amending Implementing Regulation 2023/265 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of ceramic tiles originating in India and Türkiye has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2024/804](#)

Notice of the impending expiry of certain anti-dumping measures has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Document C/2024/1814](#)

Cyber Solidarity Package

Negotiators of the European Parliament, the Council and the European Commission reached a provisional agreement on the so-called Cyber Solidarity Act and the targeted amendment to the Cybersecurity Act. The new rules aim to improve Europe's resilience and reactivity in case of cyber threats and will also establish an evaluation and review mechanism to assess the effectiveness of the actions under the cyber emergency mechanism. Both texts will now have to be endorsed and adopted by the European Parliament and the Council.

[EC proposal for a Cyber Solidarity Act](#) – [EC proposal for targeted amendment to CSA](#)

European Single Sky

The European Parliament, the Council and the European Commission reached a provisional agreement on the proposals for the recast of the Single European Sky regulation and for a regulation amending the EU Aviation Safety Agency basic regulation. The aim is to improve the performance, organization and management of European airspace and the provision of the air navigation services. The provisional agreement is subject to approval by the European Parliament and the Council. The text of the agreement will be available soon.

[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

Competition Report

The EC published the annual Competition Report, with highlights the main legislative and policy developments of 2023.

[EC dedicated page](#)

Vehicle Design and End-of-life Vehicles

The opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on circularity requirements for vehicle design and on management of end-of-life vehicles, amending Regulations 2018/858 and 2019/1020 and repealing Directives 2000/53/EC and 2005/64/EC has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[EESC opinion](#)

Safety of Toys

The opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the safety of toys and repealing Directive 2009/48/EC has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[EESC opinion](#)

Decision

EC Decision of 07 March – Ultima / BTB Manufacture of gas; manufactur of basic iron and steel; electric power generation

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of BTB Holding Investments SA (“BTB”) by Ultima Holding SA (“Ultima”).

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 06 March – Bpifrance / Meridiam / Exoes Manufacture of batteries and accumulators; engineering activities and related technical consultancy

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Exoes by Bpifrance Investissement and Meridiam.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 04 March – Apple - App Store Practices (music streaming)

Computer programming activities; software publishing

The EC fined Apple for abusing its dominant position on the market for the distribution of music streaming apps to iPhone and iPad users through its App Store.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 04 March – ONEX / R&Q Accredited Insurance

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Randall & Quilter America Holdings Inc. (“R&Q Accredited”) by ONEX Corporation.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 01 March – OEP Hitch / EMC / CBM Manufacture of fabricated metal products; manufacture of steam generators

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of CBM by EMC and OEP Hitch.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 01 March – Cobepa / SD 2 Holding Wholesale of other machinery and equipment

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of SD 2 Holding B.V. (“SD2”) by Cobepa SA.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 01 March – Rheinmetall / KNDS / UAB Lithuania Defense Services JV

Manufacture of military fighting vehicles

The EC approved the creation of a joint venture (UAB Lithuanian Defense Services) by Rheinmetall AG and KNDS N.V.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 01 March – LPG / HG / Iris Software Computer programming activities; data processing; other information technology and computer service activities

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Perennial Newco 2 Ltd (“IRIS”) by Leonard Green & Partners (“LGP”) and Hg Capital (“Hg”).

[Case information](#)

From the OJEU

Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Bain Capital / Eleda Group – Case M.11437 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2085](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Permira / Blackstone / Adevinta – Case M.11385 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2082](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Rheinmetall / KNDS / UAB Lithuania Defense Services JV – Case M.11390 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2081](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Allianz / PIMCO / Silver Point / Incora – Case M.11381 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2079](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Swiss Life / DigitalBridge / Infrabridge Investors Nile – Case M.11464 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2077](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration I Squared Capital / Arriva – Case M.11362 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1986](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Corvinus / Vinci Airports / Airport Holding – Case M.11339 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1984](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Van Drie / F&F – Case M.11355 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1983](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Permira / HG / GGW – Case M.11431 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1955](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Keppel / Aermont Capital / Aermont – Case M.11393 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1954](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Pfeifer & Langen IHKG Group / Rügenwalder – Case M.11394 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2092](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration TA Associates / SSCP / Macquarie / Byggfakta Group – Case M.11466 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2090](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration DWS / Galaxy / Flow Traders / JV – Case M.11439 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2080](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration OJI / Walki – Case M.11397 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2072](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Open Pass / Fortenova Group – Case M.11419 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1988](#) – [Case information](#)

Brussels intern

Vehicle Design and End-of-life Vehicles

The European Parliament is expected to adopt its report on the proposal for a regulation on circularity requirements for vehicle design and on management of end-of-life vehicles at the plenary session of 22-25 April. Inter-institutional negotiations with the Council on the final shape of the law will start once the latter has agreed on its position.

Trade in e-Waste

In April the European Commission shall launch a consultation on its draft to amend the EU Waste Shipment Regulation with the aim to incorporate the amendments done to the Basel Convention in order to bring all imports and exports of electrical and electronic waste under the scope of that Convention.

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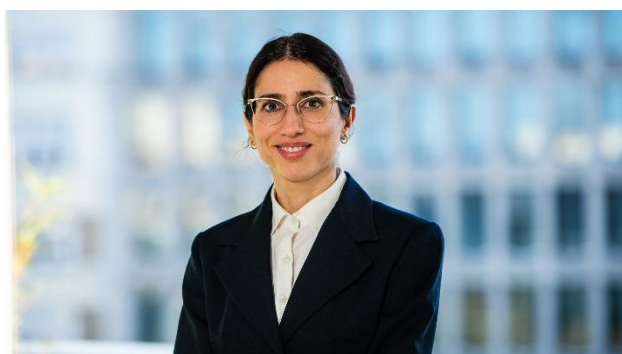
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