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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

## Euro 7

The European Parliament endorsed the agreement reached with the Council last December on the final shape of the proposed regulation on type-approval and market surveillance of motor vehicles, the so-called Euro 7 regulation. Now the Council needs to formally approve the text before it can be published in the EU Official Journal and enter into force.

[Regulation on type-approval of motor vehicles and engines with respect to their emissions and battery durability](#)

## Digital Services Act – LinkedIn

The EC formally sent LinkedIn a request for information under the Digital Services Act on potentially targeted advertising based on sensitive data.

[EC dedicated page](#)

## Digital Services Act – Generative AI risks

The EC formally sent requests for information under the Digital Services Act to Bing, Google Search, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, YouTube and X on their respective mitigation measures for risks linked to generative AI.

[EC dedicated page](#)

## Cyber Resilience Standards

The European Parliament endorsed the agreement reached with the Council on the regulation on new cyber resilience standards, which aims to ensure that products with digital features are secure to use, resilient against cyber threats and provide enough information about their security properties. The text now needs to be formally adopted by the Council to come into law.

[Regulation on horizontal cybersecurity requirements for products with digital elements](#)

## Green Claims Directive

The European Parliament adopted its report on the proposal for a directive which would set detailed rules on substantiating and communicating explicit environmental claims about products, in business-to-consumer commercial practices, so-called green claims directive. Inter-institutional negotiations with the Council on the final shape of the law will soon start.

[European Parliament report](#)

## Waste Framework Directive

The European Parliament adopted its report on the proposal to review the Waste Framework Directive, with extended producer responsibility schemes. Inter-institutional negotiations with the Council on the final shape of the law will start soon.

[European Parliament report on the proposal for a directive amending Waste directive](#)

## Industrial Emissions

The European Parliament voted in favour of the provisional political agreement reached with the Council on the revision of the industrial emission directive, which will make it mandatory to set emissions levels for the sectors covered. The revised directive will also cover extractive industry installations and large installations manufacturing batteries. The text now needs to be adopted by the Council before being published in the EU Official Journal.

[Industrial Emissions Directive](#)

## Energy Performance of Buildings

The European Parliament adopted the text agreed with the Council on the proposed revision of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive, which aims to progressively reduce greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption in the EU building sector and make it climate neutral by 2050. The directive now needs to be formally adopted by the Council and published in the EU Official Journal to become law.

[Directive on the energy performance of buildings](#)

## EU sanctions

The European Parliament voted in favour of the political agreement reached with the Council on the proposal to harmonise criminal offences and penalties for violating EU sanctions, such as arms embargoes, import and export bans on certain products, freezing of funds and economic resources. The new law will introduce a common definition of, and minimum penalties for, violations. The text now needs to be formally adopted by the Council before it can be published in the EU Official Journal. EU Member States will have one year to transpose it into national legislation.

The Parliament also voted in favour of the provisional agreement on the directive covering freezing and confiscation of criminal money, which will modernize the legal framework. The text will have to be officially adopted by the Council before being published in the EU Official Journal.

[Directive on the definition of criminal offences and penalties for the violation of Union restrictive measures – Directive on asset recovery and confiscation](#)

## Trade Remedies

Commission Implementing Regulation of 13 March 2024 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and definitively collecting the provisional duty imposed on imports of electrolytic manganese dioxides originating in the People's Republic of China has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2024/844](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation of 11 March 2024 re-imposing safeguard measures with regard to imports of Indica rice originating in Cambodia and Myanmar/Burma has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2024/842](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation of 08 March 2024 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain corrosion resistant steels 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 \(EU\) 2024/819](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation of 08 March 2024 accepting a request for new exporting producer treatment with regard to the definitive anti-dumping measures imposed on imports of electric bicycles originating in the People's Republic of China and amending Implementing Regulation 2019/73 has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2024/841](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation of 08 March 2024 accepting a request for new exporting producer treatment with regard to the definitive anti-dumping measures imposed on imports of electric bicycles originating in the People's Republic of China and amending Implementing Regulation 2019/73 has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2024/820](#)

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

[Document C/2024/2122](#)

## Customs Code

The European Parliament adopted its position on the proposal for a regulation establishing the Union Customs Code and the EU Customs Authority. Inter-institutional negotiations with the Council on the final shape of the law will soon start.

[European Parliament report on the proposal](#)

## Patents

The European Parliament adopted its position on the proposal for a regulation on compulsory licensing for crisis management, which will amend the current framework. Inter-institutional negotiations with the Council on the final shape of the law will soon start.

[European Parliament position](#)

## EU Design Package

The European Parliament voted in favour of the political agreement reached with the Council on the EU design package, which is composed of the proposal for a regulation on Community designs and the proposal for a directive on the legal protection of designs. The two texts now need to be officially adopted by the Council before being published in the EU Official Journal.

[Regulation on Community designs](#) – [Directive on the legal protection of designs](#)

## Company Law

Negotiators of the European Parliament, the Council and the European Commission reached a provisional agreement on the directive which will expand and upgrade the use of digital tools and processes in company law. The text now needs to be formally adopted by the European Parliament and the Council. The agreement will be available soon.

[EC proposal for a directive on further expanding and upgrading the use of digital tools and processes in company law](#)

## Platform Workers

The Council confirmed the provisional agreement reached with the European Parliament on the digital platform workers directive, which aims to improve working conditions and regulate the use of algorithms by digital labour platforms. The text now needs to be finalized in all the EU official languages before being formally adopted by both the European Parliament in plenary and the Council.

[Provisional agreement on the proposal for a directive on improving working conditions in platform work](#)

## Liability Defective Products

The European Parliament endorsed the text agreed with the Council on the proposal for a directive on liability for defective products. The deal now needs to be officially adopted by the Council before it can enter into force.

[Directive on liability for defective products](#)

## Toy Safety

The European Parliament adopted its report on the proposal to revise EU toy safety legislation. Inter-institutional negotiations with the Council on the final shape of the law will soon start.

[European Parliament report](#)

## European Rapid Alert System

The EC published its annual report on Safety Gate, the European Rapid Alert System for dangerous non-foods products.

[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

## Banking

The European Banking Authority launched a consultation on guidelines for the plans to orderly redeem asset-referenced or e-money tokens under the Markets in Crypto Assets Regulation. Contributions can be submitted until 10 June.

[EBA dedicated page](#)

# Decision

## **EC Decision of 14 March – Mitsubishi / KDDI / Lawson (JV) Retail sale in non-specialised stores**

The EC approved the creation of a joint control of Lawson Inc by Mitsubishi Corporation and KDDI Corporation.

[Case information](#)

## **EC Decision of 14 March – IP / EV Asset Holding / IPlanet JV Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply**

The EC approved the creation of a joint venture (“IPlanet”) by Italiana Petroli Spa (“IP”) and EV Asset Holdings Spa.

[Case information](#)

## **EC Decision of 13 March – HPS / Berlin Brands Group Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet**

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Berlin Brands Group Holding GmbH and its subsidiaries by HPS Group L.P.

[Case information](#)

## **EC Decision of 13 March – DigitalBridge / Equitix / Freedom Fibre / VX Fiber / LilaConnect**

### **Wired telecommunications activities; telecommunications**

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Freedom Fibre Limited, VX Fiber Limited and LilaConnect Limited by DigitalBridge Group Inc. and Equitix Holdings Limited.

[Case information](#)

## **EC Decision of 13 March – INEOS / Certain assets of TotalEnergies**

### **Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products**

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of certain assets of TotalEnergies Petrochemicals France SA and TotalEnergies Petrochemicals & Refining SA by INEOS AG.

[Case information](#)

## **EC Decision of 13 March – Cisco / Splunk**

### **Computer programming, consultancy and related activities**

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Splunk Inc. by Cisco Systems Inc.

[Case information](#)

## **EC Decision of 12 March – BlackRock / Canadian Solar / Recurrent Energy**

### **Electric power generation, transmission and distribution**

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Recurrent Energy B.V. by Canadian Solar Inc. and BlackRock Financial Management Inc.

[Case information](#)

## **EC Decision of 12 March – KKR / Veritas / Cotiviti**

### **Other information technology and computer service activities**

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Cotiviti Intermediate Holding Corp. by KKR & Co. Inc. and Veritas Capital Fund Management L.L.C.

[Case information](#)

## **EC Decision of 11 March – Mitsui / Osaka Gas / RWE KK / JV**

### **Electric power generation, transmission and distribution**

The EC approved the creation of a joint venture by Mitsui & Co. Ltd., Osaka Gas Co. Ltd. and RWE Offshore Wind Japan Murakami-Tainai K.K. (“RWE KK”).

[Case information](#)

## **EC Decision of 11 March – Investindustrial / Fassi Holding**

### **Manufacture of lifting and handling equipment**

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Fassi Holding Srl by Investindustrial S.A.

[Case information](#)

## **EC Decision of 08 March – Mabanft / WESTFA**

### **Wholesale of solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related products**

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of WESTFA Energy GmbH by Mabanft GmbH & Co. KG.

[Case information](#)

## **EC Decision of 08 March – Clearlake / Insight / Alteryx**

### **Information service activities; computer programming, consultancy and related activities**

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Alteryx Inc. by Clearlake Capital Group L.P. and Insight Venture Management LLC.

[Case information](#)

# From the OJEU

## Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration ACES / Prezero / Enagas Renovable / Prezero Biometano – Case M.11331 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2210](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration MEIF7 / Infracapital / LMI – Case M.11458 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2209](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Clearlake / Insight / Alteryx – Case M.11440 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2188](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Mytilineos / Volterra – Case M.11395 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2199](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Teleperformance / Majorel – Case M.11198 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2189](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration MSD Hospitality / ARC Capital / Auberge Resorts – Case M.11483 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2187](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration BPIFrance / Meridiam / Exoes – Case M.11411 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2125](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration NETCEED (Formerly ETC Group) / AMADYS – Case M.11125 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2121](#) – [Case information](#)



Non-opposition to the notified concentration Vodafone UK / Three UK / Vodafone UK Holdings – Case M.11308 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2120](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Blackstone / Vista / Adapt2 – Case M.11420 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2119](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration CVC / DIF – Case M.11412 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2117](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration OEP Hitch / EMC / CBM – Case M.11317 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2111](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Cobepa / SD 2 Holding – Case M.11480 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2094](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration LPG / HG / IRIS – Case M.11455 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2093](#) – [Case information](#)

## **Prior notification of concentrations**

Prior notification of the concentration Platinum Equity / Kohler Energy – Case M.11426 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2202](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Glencore / Teck (Coal Assets) – Case M.11392 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2194](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Tapestry / Capri – Case M.11288 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2185](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Adnoc / Fertiglobe – Case M.11443 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2181](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration CIP / Miescor / PHPL / PHC – Case M.11497 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2118](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Lone Star Funds / ERIKS – Case M.11283 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2116](#) – [Case information](#)

## Brussels intern

### Russian Agricultural Products

Members of the European Parliament called for the EU to impose a ban on agricultural products and fertilisers from Russia and Belarus. EU leaders will meet on 21 and 22 March and they will discuss continued support to Ukraine in response to Russia's military aggression, as well as possible additional measures against Russia.

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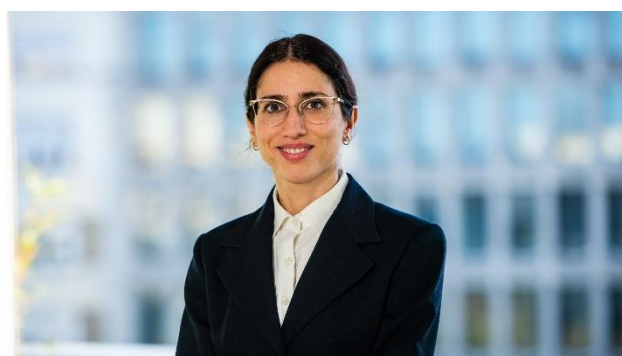
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