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Main Topics

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Healthcare	Aviation/Transport	Foreign Trade	Energy Compliance	Food/Tobacco

Law

Critical Raw Materials Act

The Council adopted the deal reached by the negotiators on the proposed regulation to establish a framework to ensure a secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials, so-called Critical Raw Materials Act. This is the last step in the decision-making procedure. In the coming days the regulation will be published in the EU Official Journal.

[Regulation establishing a framework for ensuring a secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials](#)

Due Diligence

The responsible Committee of the European Parliament voted in favour of the provisional agreement reached by the negotiators on the proposal for a directive on corporate sustainability due diligence. The text now needs to be officially adopted by the Parliament in plenary, most likely on 24 April, then by the Council. Once formally adopted, the directive will enter into force on the twentieth day following its publication in the EU Official Journal. The rules will apply to EU and non-EU companies and parent companies with over 1000 employees and with a turnover of more than 450 million euro and to franchises with a turnover of more than 80 million euro.

[Agreement on the directive on corporate sustainability due diligence](#)

Car Labelling

The EC is assessing the functioning and performance of the car labelling directive in all Member States. Contributions can be submitted until 16 April.

[EC dedicated page](#)

Automotive

Commission Implementing Decision of 18 March 2024 specifying the values relating to the performance of manufacturers and pools of manufacturers of new passenger cars and new light commercial vehicles for the calendar year 2022 pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2019/631 has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Implementing Decision 2024/865](#)

Intellectual Property Rights

The EC adopted a recommendation to combat online and offline counterfeiting while enhancing the enforcement of intellectual property rights. Among the proposed measures there is the designation of a single contact point for IP enforcement matters, new procedures to counter new counterfeiting practices, promotion of the use of alternative dispute resolution for all IP disputes. The Commission will monitor the implementation of this recommendation within the next three years, then it will consider additional measures.

[EC recommendation](#)

Ukraine – Trade

Negotiators of the Council and the European Parliament reached a provisional agreement on the proposal to renew for another year (until 5 June 2025) the suspension of import duties and quotas on Ukrainian exports to the EU. According to the deal, a new automatic safeguard will also be added for certain sensitive

products, such as poultry, eggs, sugar, oats, maize and honey. The agreement now needs to be officially adopted by the European Parliament and the Council.

[EC proposal for a regulation](#)

Pharmaceutical Package

The responsible Committee at the European Parliament adopted its position on the proposed directive on medicinal products for human use and the proposed regulation on authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human use and governing rules for the European Medicines Agency. The Parliament in plenary is expected to endorse the texts on 10 April. Inter-institutional negotiations on the final shape of the two texts will then start.

[EC dedicated page](#)

Biotechnology

The EC published a communication which identifies the challenges and barriers for the European biotechnology and biomanufacturing sector, proposing a series of actions to tackle them.

[EC communication “Building the future with nature”](#)

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 published an updated list of institutions, which have a reporting obligation for the purpose of the 2024 EU supervisory benchmarking exercise.

[EBA dedicated page](#)

Decision

EC Decision of 21 March – DWS / Galaxy / Flow Traders / JV Monetary Intermediation

The EC approved the creation of a joint venture by DWS Group GmbH & Co. KGaA, Galaxy Digital Labs LLC and Flow Traders Holding LLC.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 20 March – Oji / Walki Manufacture of pulp, paper and paperboard

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Walki Holding Oy by Oji Holdings Corporation.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 18 March – DPI / PI / JV Other postal and courier activities

The EC approved the creation of a joint venture by Deutsche Post International B.V. (“DPI”) and Poste Italiane Spa.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 15 March – Petronord / Petrocargo / Hempelmann Wittemöller Retail sale of automotive fuel; wholesale of solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related products

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Petrocargo Mineralöllogistik GmbH and Hempelmann Wittemöller GmbH by Petronord GmbH & Co. KG.

[Case information](#)

From the OJEU

Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration HPS / Berling Brands Group – Case M.11474 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2351](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration IP / EV Asset Holding / IPlanet JV – Case M.11373 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2350](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Bilfinger / Stork Europe – Case M.11298 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2344](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration DigitalBridge / Equitix / Freedom Fibre / VX Fiber / LilaConnect – Case M.11487 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2343](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Blackrock / Canadian Solar / Recurrent Energy – Case M.11490 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2341](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration KKR / Veritas / Cotiviti – Case M.11454 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2342](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration CVC / EMMA / Packeta – Case M.11441 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2256](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration VWFS / Pon Bike / BMS – Case M.11321 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2241](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Lantmännen / Hkscan Sweden – Case M.11442 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2240](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Mitsui / Osaka Gas / RWE KK / JV – Case M.11475 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2216](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Ultima / BTB – Case M.11405 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2218](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Mabanafit / Westfa – Case M.11463 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2211](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Carlyle / GTCR / Resonetics – Case M.11445 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2259](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Generali / GSD / GK Holding / JV – Case M.11417 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2258](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration CD&R / Stone Point / Truist – Case M.11501 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2236](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration SKG / Westrock – Case M.11323 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2220](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Tönnies Holding / Certain Vion Businesses – Case M.11446 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2208](#) – [Case information](#)

Brussels intern

EU-China Competition

Officials and experts from the EU and China had an exchange of views on their cooperation on competition policy priorities and enforcement, in particular with regard to the implementation of their regulatory approaches to digital markets and how to tackle enforcement challenges in digital market cases.

Forced Labour

The provisional agreement reached by the negotiators of the European Parliament, the Council and the European Commission on the proposal for a regulation on prohibiting products made with forced labour on the Union market is expected to be endorsed by the Parliament in plenary on 22 April. Then the text will have to be officially adopted by the Council before being published in the EU Official Journal.

Packaging Waste

The European Parliament is expected to adopt at its plenary session on 22-25 April the text adopted by the negotiators on the proposal for a regulation on packaging and packaging waste, which will amend Regulation 2019/1020 and Directive 2019/904.

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