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- Healthcare ■ Aviation/Transport ■ Foreign Trade ■ Energy ■ Compliance ■ Food/Tobacco

/ Law

■ Covid-19 and Export Scheme

The EC published a new export authorisation scheme for personal protective equipment, reducing the list of products that require export authorisation to masks, spectacles and protective garments, extending the geographical exception and requiring Member States to swiftly grant authorisations in case of humanitarian purposes. The measures remain temporary.

[EC Implementing Regulation 2020/568](#)

■ Medical Devices Regulation

The proposal to postpone by one year the date of application of the Medical Devices Regulation has been adopted. The regulation will amend Directive 2001/83/EC, Regulation 178/2002 and Regulation 1223/2009 and repeal Council Directives 90/385/EEC and 93/42/EEC.

[Regulation on medical devices](#)

■ Covid-19 and Agri-food Sector

The EC proposed additional exceptional measures to further support agricultural and food markets most affected during this crisis. In particular, the package includes measures for:

- private storage aid for dairy and meat;
 - flexibility for market support programs;
 - exceptional derogation from EU competition rules: applicable to the milk, flowers and potatoes sectors.
- The Commission aims to have these measures adopted by the end of the month.

[EC press release](#)

■ 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 and Covid-19

The European Banking Authority provided further clarity on the additional flexibility for supervisory approaches in relation to market risk, the supervisory review and evaluation process, recovery planning, digital operational resilience and ICT risk and securitization.

[EBA dedicated page](#)

■ Banking

The European Banking Authority published an updated guide on how to report the International Monetary Fund Financial Soundness Indicators and a revised methodological guide on how to compile risk indicators and detailed risk analysis tools.

[EBA dedicated page](#)

■ Financial Market

The three European Supervisory Authority (EBA, EIOPA, ESMA) released a consultation paper on proposed environmental, social and governance disclosure standards for financial market participants, advisers and products. Contributions can be submitted until 1 September.

[Joint consultation paper](#)

■ Energy Transition

The Council of European Energy Regulators published its Paper on Electricity Distribution Tariffs Supporting the Energy Transition.

[CEER Paper](#)

/ Decisions

EC Decision of 23 April – Signa Retail / Central Group / Globus

■ Retail sale

The EC approved the joint acquisition of Magazine zum Globus AG by the Signa Group and Harnig Central Department Store Ltd.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 22 April – ArcelorMittal Neel Tailored Blanks / TT Steel Service India / JV

■ Wholesale of metals and metal ores

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control over ArcelorMittal Neel TT Private Limited by ArcelorMittal Neel Tailored Blanks Private Limited and by TT Steel Service India Private Limited.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 22 April – Mylan / Upjohn

■ Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and preparations

The EC approved the proposed merger between Mylan and Upjohn, subject to conditions.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 17 April – Freudenberg / L&B

■ Manufacture of non-wovens and articles made from non-wovens

The EC approved the acquisition by Freudenberg & Co. KG. of Low & Bonar PLC.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 17 April – Global Payments / CaixaBank / Moneytopay

■ Financial services

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of CaixaBank Electronic Money E.D.E., S.L. (“MoneyToPay”) by Global Payments Inc. and CaixaBank S.A.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 17 April – RIL / BP / RBML JV

■ Retail sale of automotive fuel

The EC approved the creation of a joint venture between Reliance Industries Limited (“RIL”) and BP

Global Investments Limited (“BP GIL”), a subsidiary of BP.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 17 April – APG / CALSTRS / MUNICH RE / ASTORIA II & II

■ Electricity

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Astoria Projects Partners LLC and Astoria Project Partners II LLC by a consortium consisting of California State Teachers Retirement System, Stichting Pensionfonds ABP and Münchener Rückversicherungs Gesellschaft Aktiengesellschaft.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 17 April – Goldman Sachs / Summa Equity / EcoOnline

■ Information technology

The EC approved the acquisition of EcoOnline AS by The Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and Summa Equity AB.

[Case information](#)

/ From the OJEU

■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration APG / CalSTRS / Munich Re / Astoria I & II – Case M.9766 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 133/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration RIL / BP / RBML JV – Case M.9786 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 132/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration PKN Orlen / Energa – Case M.9626 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 132/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Global Payments / CaixaBank / MoneyToPay – Case M.9775 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 132/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Ageas Portugal / JMRS / SPSI – Case M.9737 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 131/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Knauf / Armstrong – Case M.8832 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 130/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Synthomer / Omnova Solutions – Case M.9502 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 127/01 – Case information](#)

■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Macquarie / Fresco International – Case M.9840 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 132/11 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Bridgepoint / Groupe Financiere CEP – Case M.9822 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 132/10 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Elanco Animal Health / Bayer Animal Health Division – Case M.9554 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 132/09 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Air Canada / Transat – Case M.9489 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 131/11 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Helvetia / CASER – Case M.9772 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 131/10 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Eni Rewind / CDP Equity / CircularIT JV – Case M.9809 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 131/09 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Renault / Ferrovia / Car Sharing Mobility Services – Case M.9794 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 131/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration BNP Paribas / Bank of Baroda / JV – Case M.9780 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 131/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration KKR / Viridor – Case M.9833 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 130/06 – Case information](#)

/ Brussels intern

■ EU Programme

Due to the current crisis, the European Commission is rescheduling its agenda and shall present an updated work program for the current year by the end of the month. Several initiatives will be delayed of up to one year.

■ Brexit

EU negotiators remain positive regarding the possibility of achieving by June tangible progress on the negotiations with the UK regarding the new shape

of the relationship between the two parties. Next round of talks is scheduled for 11 May.

■ Pharma

The European Commission will release at the end of the year a new pharmaceutical strategy, which will contain also a proposal that aims to increase the production of life-saving medicines in Europe.

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