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/ Main Topics

- General ■ Bank/Insurance/Tax ■ Environment ■ Media/Telecom ■ Competition/SA
- Healthcare ■ Aviation/Transport ■ Foreign Trade ■ Energy ■ Compliance ■ Food/Tobacco

/ Law

■ Foreign Subsidies

The EC adopted a White Paper on Foreign Subsidies, which proposes a series of options to deal with the distortive effects caused by foreign subsidies in the European Single Market. The Commission also launched a public consultation to collect input from all interested parties on the solutions outlined in the document. Contributions can be submitted until 23 September and will help the Commission to prepare for next year its legislative proposal to address the regulatory gap.

[EC White Paper – EC consultation page](#)

■ Trade Policy

The EC launched a review of the European trade policy to adjust it to the global trends and support the recovery while protecting from unfair practices. A

special focus is dedicated to the reform of the WTO and global challenges such as climate change, sustainable development and digital transition. Contributions can be submitted until 15 September. The results of this exercise will feed into a communication that shall be adopted by the end of the year.

[EC consultation note](#)

■ Sustainable Finance

The European Parliament adopted the regulation on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment, which will amend Regulation 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector. This is the final step of the adoption process; now the regulation will be published in the Official Journal and enter into force 20 days after its publication.

[Final compromise](#)

■ 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

■ Trade Barriers Report

The EC published its annual Trade and Investment Barriers Report, based on information reported by European companies on the types of barriers they encounter most frequently.

[EC report](#)

Implementing Technical Standards to enhance quality and consistency for passport notifications.

[EBA final draft RTS and ITS](#)

■ CEER Work Programme

The Council of European Energy Regulators launched a consultation on its work program for the year 2021. Contributions can be submitted until 31 July.

[CEER dedicated page](#)

■ Pharmaceutical Strategy

The EC launched a public consultation on the so-called Pharmaceutical Strategy for Europe. Key topics will be strategic autonomy and manufacturing of medicines, access to affordable medicines, innovation and environmental sustainability. Contributions can be submitted until 15 September and the strategy shall be adopted by the end of the year.

■ Roaming Regulation

The EC launched a public consultation on the review and extension of the Roaming Regulation, which expires in June 2022. Contributions can be submitted until 11 September.

[EC dedicated page](#)

[EC consultation page](#)

■ Deposit Guarantee Schemes

The European Banking Authority published its first peer review of stress tests and the resilience of Deposit Guarantee Scheme; the purpose is to identify good practices and areas for improvement.

■ Proximity Tracing

EU Member States with the support of the European Commission agreed on a set of technical specifications to ensure a safe exchange of information between national contact tracing apps.

[EBA report](#)

[Interoperability specifications](#)

■ Banking

The European Banking Authority published its final draft amending Regulatory Technical Standards and

/ Decisions

EC Decision of 18 June – Advent / Cinven / Thyssenkrupp Elevator

■ Manufacture of lifting and handling equipment

The EC approved the acquisition of Thyssenkrupp Elevator AG by Advent and Cinven.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 17 June – Naturgy / Sonatrach / BlackRock / Medgaz

■ Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control over Medgaz S.A. by Naturgy Energy Group S.A., Sonatrach S.p.a. and Global Energy & Power Infrastructure Fund III, managed by BlackRock Alternatives Management (“BAM”) belonging to the BlackRock Group.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 17 June – EQT Fund Management / Schülke & Mayr

■ Manufacture of pharmaceutical preparations; retail sale of cosmetic and toilet articles

The EC approved the proposed acquisition of sole control over Schülke & Mayr GmbH by EQT VIII.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 17 June – VGRD / Auto Wichert Assets

■ Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles

The EC approved the acquisition of certain assets of Auto Wichert by Volkswagen Group Retail Deutschland GmbH (“VGRD”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Volkswagen AG (“VW”).

[Case information](#)

EC Investigation – FCA / PSA

■ Manufacture of motor vehicles; sale of cars and light motor vehicles

The EC opened an in-depth investigation to assess the proposed merger of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles N.V. (“FCA”) and Peugeot S.A. (“PSA”).

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 15 June – Experian / Bertelsmann / Informa

■ Activities auxiliary to financial services

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Informa Solutions GmbH by Bertelsmann SE & CO. KGaA and Experian plc.

[Case information](#)

EC Investigation – App Store Practices (music streaming; e-books/audiobooks)

■ Computer programming activities

The EC opened formal investigations to assess whether Apple’s rules for app developers on the distribution of apps via the App Store are compatible with the European competition law framework.

[Case information 40437](#) – [Case information 40652](#)

EC Investigation – Apple – Mobile Payments – Apple Pay

■ Computer programming activities

The EC opened a formal investigation to assess whether Apple’s conduct in connection with Apple Pay is compatible with European competition rules.

[Case information AT.40452](#)

/ From the OJEU

■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration ENGIE / EDP Renovaveis / EDPR Offshore Espana – Case M.9587 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 205/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration CPPIB / Tethys Invest / Galileo Global Education – Case M.9825 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 205/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Danaher / GE Healthcare Life Sciences Biopharma – Case M.9331 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 204/04 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Deutsche Asphalt / KEMNA BAU Andrae / Heideasphalt – Case M.9666 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 204/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Altor Fund Manager / Eleda / JVAB – Case M.9838 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 204/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Triton / Renk – Case M.9784 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 203/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Societe Generale / Mitsubishi / JV – Case M.9844 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 203/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Platinum Equity Group / Multi-Color Corporation – Case M.9328 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 203/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Sunsuper / Macquarie / PGGM / MAGL – Case M.9745 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 200/04 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Strategic value Partners / Pfeiderer – Case M.9423 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 200/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Bunker Holding / OceanConnect Marine – Case M.9836 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 200/02 – Case information](#)

■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Tokyo Century Corporation / Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation / JV – Case M.9874 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 205/12 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Raytheon Technologies Corporation / Saudi Arabian Oil Company / Middle East Cyber Services JV – Case M.9868 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 205/11 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Alstom / Bombardier Transportation – Case M.9779 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 205/10 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Fiege / Reiner Kurzhals / Cornelius Brosche / Remondis / WDL – Case M.9862 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 203/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration HGK / Imperial Shipping Group – Case M.9853 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 200/06 – Case information](#)

/ Brussels intern

■ Council Presidency Programme

The incoming Council Presidency trio (Germany, Portugal and Slovenia) presented their 18-month programme, which will start on 1st July with Germany and end on 31st December 2021 with Slovenia.

[Trio programme](#)

■ Brexit

Commission President Von der Leyen and UK Prime Minister during their meeting of 15 June agreed to intensify talks in the coming months in order to reach a deal in Autumn. The country does not intend to request an extension of the transition period, which will end on 31 December this year.

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