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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

■ State Aid

The EC decided to prolong the validity of certain EU State aid rules which are due to expire by the end of the year and to introduce certain targeted amendments to the existing rules to help companies during the current economic crisis. The Commission adopted a regulation which will amend the General Block Exemption Regulation and the de minimis Regulation; and a communication amending seven sets of State aid guidelines: guidelines on regional state aid; guidelines on state aid to promote risk finance investments; guidelines on state aid for environmental protection and energy; communication on the execution of important projects of common European interest; communication on the application of articles 107 and 108 of the TFEU to short-term export-credit insurance; guidelines on state aid for rescuing and restructuring non-financial undertakings in difficulty.

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[EC Regulation – EC Communication](#)

■ State Aid Temporary Framework

The EC adopted a third amendment to expand the State Aid Temporary Framework to further support micro, small and start-up companies in the context of the coronavirus outbreak. The Commission has also adapted the conditions for recapitalisation measures under the Temporary Framework for those cases where private investors contribute to the capital increase of companies together with the State.

[EC Communication 2020/C 218/03](#)

■ Antitrust – Interchange Fees Regulation

The EC published a report on the impact of the Regulation 2015/751, the Interchange Fees Regulation for card-based payment transactions. The report concludes that the main objectives of the regulation

have been achieved, therefore a revision of the framework is not necessary for the moment. However, further monitoring and reinforced data gathering in some areas are recommended. The Commission is planning a public hearing with stakeholders on 7 December 2020.

[EC report on the application of Regulation 2015/751](#)

■ **Audiovisual Media Services Directive**

The EC adopted non-binding guidelines (on video-sharing platforms and on European works) to help Member States implementing the revised Audiovisual Media Services Directive. The deadline for the transposition of the directive into national law is 19 September.

[EC dedicated page](#)

■ **5G Network Infrastructure**

The EC adopted the Implementing Regulation on small-area wireless access points, which are crucial for the deployment of 5G networks. The regulation specifies the physical and technical characteristics of small cells for 5G networks.

[EC Implementing Regulation 2020/911](#)

■ **Directive on Security of Network and Information Systems**

The EC launched a consultation on the revision of the Directive on Security of Network and Information Systems. With this exercise the European executive will evaluate the functioning of the NIS Directive based on the level of security of network and information systems in the Member States; the evaluation also aims at identifying the direct and indirect regulatory costs and benefits of its implementation. Contributions can be submitted until 13 August. The Commission plans to present a new proposal by the end of the year.

[EC dedicated page](#)

■ **Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases**

The EC launched a consultation on the review of Regulation 517/2014, the so-called F-gas Regulation. Contributions can be submitted until 7 September. Together with this exercise, the Commission will organize targeted stakeholder interviews and a stakeholder workshop. The outcome of these activities will be presented in a synopsis report.

[EC dedicated page](#)

■ **Solvency II Directive**

The EC launched a consultation on the review of the prudential rules for insurance and reinsurance companies. Contributions can be submitted until 21 October. On the basis of the feedback received, the Commission will present a legislative proposal in the Summer of next year.

[EC dedicated page](#)

■ **New Consumer Agenda**

The EC launched a public consultation to collect inputs on four initiatives of the European consumer policy. Contributions can be submitted until 6 October. The Commission intends to adopt a new consumer agenda by the end of the year.

[EC consultation 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

■ Energy System Integration

The Council of European Energy Regulators published its Paper on Whole System Approaches which aims to support the discussions on energy system integration.

[CEER Paper on Whole System Approaches](#)

■ REMIT

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators published three updates on REMIT Guidance documentation concerning the Q&As, the Transaction Reporting User Manual and the FAQs on REMIT transaction reporting.

[Q&As – Transaction Reporting User Manual – FAQs on transaction reporting](#)

■ Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive

The European Banking Authority published a discussion paper on how to review the Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive in order to enhance crisis management tools for competent authorities. Contributions can be submitted until 25 September.

[EBA discussion paper](#)

/ Decisions

EC Decision of 30 June – Providence / VOO / Brutele

■ Telecommunications; wired telecommunications activities

The EC approved the acquisition of VOO SA and Brutele SCRL by Providence Equity Partners Group.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 29 June – HGK / Imperial Shipping Group

■ Service activities incidental to water transportation; inland freight water transport

The EC approved the acquisition of Imperial Shipping Group from Imperial Mobility International B.V.

&Co.KG and its subsidiaries (“Imperial Group”) by Häfen und Güterverkehr Köln AG (“HGK”).

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 26 June – Nexi / Intesa Sanpaolo (Merchant Acquiring Business)

■ Financial service activities

The EC approved the proposed acquisition of Intesa Sanpaolo Spa’s merchant acquiring business (“ISP Acquiring”) by Nexi Spa.

[Case information](#)

/ From the OJEU

■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Alcopa Coordination Center / Beran Central Europe / Alcomotive – Case M.9859 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 219/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Hitachi Chemical Company / Fiamm Energy Technology – Case M.9842 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 219/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration IRPC / JPP / Mytex – Case M.9834 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 218/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration CDP Equity / Ansaldo Energia – Case M.9841 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 218/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration PPG / TIL / JV – Case M.9450 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 217/04 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Czech Media Invest / Rockaway / Brasinex Bohemia – Case M.9601 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 217/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Peab / YIT's paving and mineral aggregates business – Case M.9316 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 217/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Experian / Bertelsman / Informa – Case M.9782 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 214/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Astorg / Nordic Capital / Novo / ERT – Case M.9633 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 214/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Dnata / Alpha LSG – Case M.9700 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 214/01 – Case information](#)

■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Onex / Independent Clinical Services – Case M.9855 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 219/11 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Thoma Bravo / Madison Dearborn Partners / Axiom – Case M.9884 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 219/10 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Mastercard / Nets – Case M.9744 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 219/09 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Atlas / Permasteelisa – Case M.9872 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 218/09 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration SAZKA Group / OPAP – Case M.9803 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 217/09 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Lone Star / BASF Construction Chemicals (EB) Business – Case M.9736 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 217/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Blackstone / KP1 – Case M.9790 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 216/14 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Uniqa / Axa (Insurance, asset management and pensions – Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia) – Case M.9796 has been published.

[Document 2020/C 216/13 – Case information](#)

/ Brussels intern

■ Energy Storage

The Energy Committee of the European Parliament in a recently adopted report outlined its strategy for energy storage, which is considered to be essential for the transition to a decarbonised economy based on renewable energy sources. In particular, the Committee calls on the European Commission to

remove regulatory barriers that prevent the development of energy storage projects. The report will be voted by the plenary in mid-July.

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