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

/ Law

■ EU Trade Strategy

The EC published its trade strategy for the coming years. Main priorities are strengthening multilateralism, reforming global trade rules, tackling competitive distortions, supporting the digital and climate transitions.

[EC Communication “ Trade Policy Review” – Annex](#)

■ Anti-dumping Proceedings

The notice of initiation of an anti-dumping proceeding concerning imports of certain graphite electrode systems originating in the People’s Republic of China has been published.

[Notice 2021/C 57/03](#)

The notice of initiation of an anti-dumping proceeding concerning imports of calcium silicon originating in the People’s Republic of China has been published.

[Notice 2021/C 58/15](#)

The notice of initiation of an anti-subsidy proceeding concerning imports of stainless steel cold-rolled flat products originating in India and Indonesia has been published.

[Notice 2021/C 57/04](#)

■ Capital Markets Recovery Package

The Council adopted targeted amendments to the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (MiFID) II and the Prospectus Regulation to facilitate the recapitalisation of EU companies in the wake of the Covid-19 crisis. Both texts shall be published in the EU

Official Journal by the end of the month. Amendments to MiFID II will enter into force on the day following their publication and Member States will have nine months to transpose the new rules into national law; while amendments to the Prospectus Regulation will enter into force on the 20th day following the publication.

[MiFID II amendments](#) – [Prospectus Regulation amendments](#)

■ Financial Markets

The EC launched two consultations on post-trade services rules, in particular on the review of the Directive on settlement finality in payment and securities settlement systems and the review of the Directive on financial collateral arrangements. Contributions can be submitted until 7 May. The answers to these consultations will feed into a Commission Report to the European Parliament and the Council.

[SFD consultation page](#) – [FCD consultation page](#)

■ Aviation

The Council adopted the amendment to the Slot Regulation that relieves airlines of airport slot-use requirements for the Summer 2021 scheduling season. The text enters into force the day after its publication in the EU Official Journal.

[Regulation 2021/250 amending Council Regulation 95/93 as regards temporary relief from the slot utilisation rules](#)

■ State Aid

The EC published a new State aid guiding template to assist Member States on support for cloud capabilities under the Recovery and Resilience Facility.

[Guiding Template](#)

■ Multilateralism

The EC and the High Representative presented a new strategy to promote effectiveness and efficiency in the global multilateral system. In particular, the Commission aims to promote the modernization of key institutions such as the World Trade Organization; to develop new global standards and the creation of cooperation platforms in specific sectors such as taxation, digital environment and artificial intelligence.

[EU Agenda for a Renewed Multilateralism](#)

■ 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

■ Digital Markets

A high-level Panel of Economic Experts, established by the Joint Research Council, produced for the EC a new study on the Digital Markets Act.

[Report “The EU Digital Markets Act”](#)

■ Green Deal and Energy

The Council of European Energy Regulators published its White Paper on Long-Term Storage relevant to the Hydrogen and Energy System Integration Strategies of the European Commission.

[CEER Paper](#)

/ Decisions

EC Decision of 18 February – ElringKlinger / Plastic Omnium New Energies / EKPO Fuel Cell Technologies / ElringKlinger Fuelcell Systems Austria

■ Manufacture of parts and accessories for motor vehicles

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of EKPO Fuel Cell Technologies by ElringKlinger and Plastic Omnium New Energies, and the acquisition of sole control of ElringKlinger Fuelcell Systems Austria by Plastic Omnium New Energies.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 18 February – GBL / Canyon

■ Manufacture of bicycles and invalid carriages

The EC approved the acquisition of Canyon Bicycles GmbH by Groupe Bruxelles Lambert SA.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 17 February – Cinven / BCI / Compre

■ Reinsurance

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control over Cambridge Topco Limited and Cambridge Holdco Limited by Cinven Capital Management General Partner Limited and the British Columbia Investment Management Corporation.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 17 February – ION / NN / bpfBOUW / IRP JV

■ Real estate activities

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of ION Residential Platform NV by ION Real Estate Services NV, NN Group NV and Stichting Bedrijfstakpensioenfondsvoor de Bouwnijverheid.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 16 February – APG / Arcus / PSP / Alpha Trains

■ Rental and leasing activities

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control over Alpha Trains Holdings S.a.r.l. by APG Asset Management N.V., Arcus European Investment Manager LLP and Public Sector Pension Investment Board.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 16 February – Nordic Capital / Astorg Asset Management / Cytel

■ Data processing, hosting and related activities; web portals

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Cytel Inc. by Astorg VII SLP and Nordic Capital X Limited.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 15 February – Sojitz / Eneos / Edenvale Solar Park

■ Production of electricity

The EC approved the joint acquisition of Edenvale Solar Park Pty Ltd. by Sojitz Corporation and Eneos Corporation.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 12 February – Cinven / Raffles / Miller

■ Activities auxiliary to financial services and insurance activities

The EC approved the acquisition of Miller Insurance Services LLP by Cinven Capital Management General Partner Limited and Raffles Private Holdings Limited.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 12 February – CVC / Riverstone Europe

■ Activities auxiliary to financial services and insurance activities

The EC approved the acquisition of control over RiverStone Barbados Limited by CVC Capital Partners SICAV-FIS S.A.

[Case information](#)

/ From the OJEU

■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration CVC / Riverstone Europe – Case M.10112 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 59/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Pamplona Capital / Signature Foods – Case M.10142 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 58/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Partners Group / Atlantia / Telepass – Case M.10049 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 57/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration NENT / Telenor / JV – Case M.9604 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 54/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration ACP / Marubeni / Toho Gas / GGND – Case M.10084 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 54/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration FSN Capital / Obton Invest / Obton Group – Case M.10105 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 52/01 – Case information](#)

■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Latour Capital / Watling Street Capital Partners / Funecap Groupe – Case M.10166 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 59/09 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration CVC / Vivartia Holdings – Case M.10111 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 59/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Eni / Aldro EyS / Instalaciones MD – Case M.10178 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 58/17 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration SARP / Suez RV Osis – Case M.10079 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 54/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration IKB / Hypoport / Fundingport – Case M.10110 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 54/04 – Case information](#)

/ Brussels intern

■ Artificial Intelligence

The European Commission aims to release in April a new proposal on artificial intelligence.

The information in this newsletter does not replace advice in any particular case.

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