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/ Main Topics

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

/ Law

■ State of the Union

The President of the European Commission delivered her State of the Union speech, stressing the importance of supporting Europe’s strategic economy, building a stronger health union, investing in the green and digital transition and creating a European defence system. In the Letter of Intent submitted to the European Parliament and the Council, she outlined the actions and initiatives that the European executive intends to present in the following years. Among them there are:

- legislative proposal on carbon removal certification;
- legislative proposal on the right to repair;
- legislative proposal on an EU framework for harmonised measurement of transport and logistics emissions;
- legislative proposal to reduce the release of microplastics in the environment and to restrict the addition of microplastics to products;
- European Cyber Resilience Act;
- European Chips Act;
- roadmap on security and defence technologies;
- review of competition policy (fit for new challenges);
- legislative proposal on multimodal digital mobility services;
- legislative proposal to facilitate SMEs access to capital;
- initiative on instant payments in the EU;
- implementation of the Capital Market Union Action Plan including the Initiative on harmonising certain aspects of substantive law on insolvency proceedings;

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

- legislative proposal on the implementation of the OECD global agreement on minimum effective taxation.

[State of the Union speech – Letter of Intent](#)

■ ■ Digital Transformation

The EC presented its plan to achieve the EU's digital transformation by 2030. In particular, the Commission proposed to engage in an annual cooperation mechanism with Member States to reach the 2030 Digital Decade targets in the areas of digital infrastructures, digitalisation of businesses and public services. In addition to that, the European executive has identified an initial list of multi-country projects in data infrastructure, 5G, high-performance computing, blockchain, digital innovation hubs.

[EC proposal for a Decision establishing a Path to the Digital Decade – Staff Working Document](#)

■ ■ Green Competition Policy

The EC published a policy paper setting out some clarifications on the topic of sustainability and competition law. The Commission is currently reviewing its antitrust guidelines. It also plans to adopt final guidelines on State aid for climate, energy and the environment soon.

[Competition Policy Brief](#)

■ Anti-dumping

Commission Implementing Regulation of 15 September 2021 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of stainless steel cold-rolled flat products originating in the People's Republic of China and Taiwan following an expiry review pursuant to article 11(2) of Regulation 2016/1036 has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Implementing Regulation 2021/1483](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation of 14 September 2021 extending the definitive anti-dumping duty imposed by Implementing Regulation 2019/915 on imports of certain aluminium foil in rolls originating in the People's Republic of China to imports of certain aluminium foil in rolls consigned from Thailand, whether declared as originating in Thailand or not has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Implementing Regulation 2021/1475](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation of 14 September 2021 extending the definitive anti-dumping duty imposed by Implementing Regulation 2015/2384 and Implementing Regulation 2017/271 on imports of certain aluminium foil originating in the People's Republic of China to imports of certain aluminium foil consigned from Thailand, whether declared as originating in Thailand or not has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Implementing Regulation 2021/1474](#)

■ Banking and Financial Services

The EC launched a public consultation on the amendment to the Council Regulation 2271/96 protecting against the effects of the extra-territorial application of legislation adopted by a third country, and actions based thereon. Contributions can be submitted until 4 November.

[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

■ Electricity Markets

The European Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators will decide on the amendment of the common methodology for harmonising the pricing balancing energy and cross-border capacity across the European electricity markets by 26 February 2022.

[ACER dedicated page](#)

■ Cross-border EU Energy Infrastructure Projects

The first call for proposals under the Connecting Europe Facility Energy programme for the period 2021-2027 has been published.

[EC dedicated page](#)

/ Decisions

EC Decision of 14 September – Vodafone Group / Safaricom / Sumitomo / Ethiopia JV

■ Telecommunications

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control over Global Partnership for Ethiopia B.V. by the Vodafone Group Plc, Safaricom Plc and Sumitomo Corporation.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 13 September – ALBA / Swire / JV

■ Wholesale of waste and scrap

The EC approved the acquisition of ALBA Swire, a new joint venture by ALBA group and John Swire & Sons Ltd.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 10 September – CD&R / MCC Group

■ Printing and service activities related to printing

The EC approved the acquisition of the Multi-Colour Corporation Group (“MCC Group”) by Clayton, Dubilier & Rice Fund XI L.P. (“CD&R”).

[Case information](#)

/ From the OJEU

■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Mayr-Melnhof Karton / International Paper (Poland) – Case M.10206 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 375/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Brose / Sitech – Case M.10232 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 370/04 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Hg / TA / Insightsoftware – Case M.10380 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 370/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration USTC / CM Biomass Partners – Case M.10261 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 370/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Platinum Equity Group / Solenis – Case M.10394 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 367/04 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration RAG-Stiftung / Open Grid Europe / H2UB – Case M.10377 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 367/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration BCI / ABP / TIG / Certain assets of Arauco – Case M.10315 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 367/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration HIS Markit / CME Group / JV – Case M.10158 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 367/01 – Case information](#)

■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Seventh Cinven Fund / Restaurant Brands Iberia – Case M.10445 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 375/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Carlyle / Schaltbau – Case M.10457 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 375/04 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Lone Star / Green-City Immobilier – Case M.10426 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 375/03 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Bain Capital / Hitachi Metals – Case M.10374 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 372/12 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration TowerBrook / Bruneau Group – Case M.10430 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 372/11 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Forestal Arauco / OTPPB / Agricola Neufun JV – Case M.10424 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 372/10 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration NVIDIA / Arm – Case M.9987 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 370/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Primonial / Societe Generale / OPG Window – Case M.10421 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 370/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Bridgepoint / FFL / ACT – Case M.10441 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 370/06 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration H&F / zooplus – Case M.10462 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 367/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration S&P Global / HIS Markit – Case M.10108 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 367/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Apollo Management / Reno De Medici – Case M.10413 has been published.

[Document 2021/C 367/06 – Case information](#)

/ Brussels intern

■ Carbon Removal

The European Commission plans to release by the end of the year a policy paper on the sustainable management of the carbon cycle.

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