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/ Law

■ European Chips Act

The EC presented the so-called European Chips Act package, which consists of a communication, two proposals for a regulation and a recommendation to ensure the EU's security of supply and to bolster Europe's competitiveness and technological leadership in semiconductor technologies and applications. The Commission aims to mobilise more than 43 billion euros of public and private investments and to establish a new framework to prevent and quickly respond to any future supply chain disruption by enhancing production capacities. The package also includes a proposal for a coordination mechanism between Member States and the European Commission for monitoring the supply of semiconductors. The proposals will have to be discussed by the European Parliament and the Council in the ordinary legislative procedure.

[EC dedicated page](#)

■ Carbon Removals

The EC launched a consultation on the rules to monitor, report and verify the authenticity of carbon removals. The aim is to expand sustainable carbon removals and encourage the use of innovative solutions to capture, recycle and store CO2 by farmers, foresters and industries. Contributions can be submitted until 2 May. The Commission intends to adopt a regulation on a framework for the certification of carbon removals in the fourth quarter of the year.

[EC dedicated page](#)

■ Mercury Regulation

The EC launched a consultation on the review of the Mercury Regulation, in particular on the impacts related to the possible phase-out of dental amalgam and the availability and cost of mercury-free

alternatives. Contributions can be submitted until 3 May.

[EC dedicated page](#)

■ Capital Markets Union

The EC adopted a decision to extend equivalence for UK central counterparties (CCPs) until 30 June 2025 and launched a targeted consultation and a call for evidence on ways to expand central clearing activities in the EU. Contributions can be submitted until 8 March. The Commission intends to release in the second half of the year measures to develop central clearing activities in the EU.

[EC Implementing Decision – EC consultation page](#)

■ Dual-use Items

Information Note on measures adopted by Member States in conformity with articles 4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 22 and 23 of the Regulation 2021/821 of the European Parliament and of the Council setting up a Union regime for the control of exports, brokering, technical assistance, transit and transfer of dual-use items has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Document 2022/C 66/04](#)

■ 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

■ State Aid – European Commission

The EC appointed Barbara Brandtner as new Director for the “Markets and cases III: Financial services” of the Directorate-General for Competition. She will oversee mergers, antitrust probes and state aid in the financial services sector.

■ Standardisation

Commission Notice “The 2022 annual Union work programme for European standardisation” has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Document 2022/C 66/01](#)

/ Decision

EC Decision of 09 February – Apollo / Missguided

■ Retail sale of clothing; wholesale of clothing

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Missguided Limited by companies controlled by Apollo Management L.P. and Mr Passi.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 07 February – Blackstone / Warburg Pincus / IntraFi Group

■ Financial service activities

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Nexus Parent LLC (“IntraFi Group”) by Blackstone Inc. and Warburg Pincus LLC.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 04 February – KKR / GIP / Cyrusone

■ Rental and operating of own or leased real estate

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of CyrusOne Inc. by KKR & Co. Inc. and Global Infrastructure Management LLC (“GIP”).

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 04 February – ECDC / HPIL / JV

■ Service activities incidental to land transportation

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of a new joint venture called Energy City Logistics Company LLC by Energy City Development Company (“ECDC”) and Hutchison Port Investments Limited (“HPIL”).

[Case information](#)

/ From the OJEU

■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Blackstone / Warburg Pincus / Intrafi Group – Case M.10587 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 70/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration PAI Partners / OTPP / VEONET – Case M.10590 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 70/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration KKR / GIP / CYRUSONE – Case M.10569 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 69/06 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Voith Group / Voith Hydro – Case M.10547 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 69/05 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Meridiam / Allianz / Neuconnect – Case M.10387 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 69/04 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration ABM / YKA / Hebei Mauri – Case M.10411 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 69/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration SHV Energy / UGI International Holding / JV – Case M.10372 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 69/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration BME / Saint-Gobain Distribution the Netherlands – Case M.10154 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 69/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Bain Capital / Hellman & Friedman / Athenahealth Group – Case M.10576 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 68/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration PTTGC / ALLNEX – Case M.10432 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 66/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration South32 / KGHM / Sierra Gorda – Case M.10539 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 63/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration ENGIE SPAIN / Predica / Eolia – Case M.10563 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 63/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration MIRA / OTPP / PGGM / BCI / OMERS / AIMCO / PUGET – Case M.10509 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 63/01 – Case information](#)

■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Iliad / UPC Polska – Case M.10515 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 70/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Biscuit Holding / Continental Bakeries Holding – Case M.10543 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 70/04 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Warburg Pincus / Oxford Properties / Hale – Case M.10601 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 69/13 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration ADT / Ford Next / SNTNL – Case M.10589 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 68/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Cerberus / HBCE (French Retail Banking) – Case M.10595 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 68/06 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Gamalife / Going Concern of Zurich Investments Life – Case M.10582 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 68/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration ADVENT / PERMIRA / MCAFEE – Case M.10570 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 66/06 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration ADVENT / CALDIC – Case M.10574 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 66/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Genstar Capital / MDP / Lightspeed – Case M.10622 has been published.

[Document 2022/C 63/08 – Case information](#)

/ Brussels intern

■ German-French Alliance

The two countries renewed their commitments to work on common industrial projects, in particular on electrical networks, batteries and hydrogen, through the creation of Franco-German working groups. According to the respective representatives, these groups will serve as an accelerator for efforts made at the European level, in order to strengthen European sovereignty in industrial and ecological topics.

■ Sustainable Products Initiative

The European Commission is planning to present at the end of March its initiative on sustainable products, including a revision of the Ecodesign Directive. The new sustainability rules aim to target a wide range of products, such as electronics, chemicals, textiles.

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