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

## / Law

### ■ ■ Cars and Vans Emissions

The European Parliament adopted the text of the agreement reached during the inter-institutional negotiations on the proposal on CO2 emission standards for cars and vans, part of the Fit for 55 package. The text provides for a 100% reduction in emissions by 2035. Every two years, starting from the end of 2025, the Commission will publish a report to evaluate the progress towards zero-emission road mobility. The text will now have to be formally endorsed by Council, before being published in the EU Official Journal.

[European Parliament resolution on the proposal for a Regulation as regards the CO2 emission performance standards for new passenger cars and new light commercial vehicles](#)

### ■ ■ Heavy-duty Vehicles Emissions

The EC presented its proposal for new CO2 emissions targets for new heavy-duty vehicles from 2030 onwards. Interested parties can submit feedback on the proposal until 13 April. The European Parliament and the Council will have to discuss the proposal and agree on a common text.

[EC proposal for a Regulation – Annexes – EC consultation page](#)

### ■ Digital Services Act

The EC launched a consultation on DSA enforcement procedures. Contributions can be submitted until 16 March.

[EC consultation page](#)

## ■ Renewable Hydrogen

The EC presented its draft delegated acts which define what constitutes renewable hydrogen for the EU, under the Renewable Energy Directive. In particular, one specifies the conditions under which hydrogen can be considered renewable and hydrogen-based fuels can be considered renewable fuels of non-biological origin (RFNBOs), the other provides a methodology for calculating life-cycle greenhouse gas emissions for RFNBOs.

[Delegated regulation on Union methodology for RFNBOs – Delegated regulation on a minimum threshold for GHG savings of recycled carbon fuels and annex](#)

## ■ Blockchain

The EC launched the European Regulatory Sandbox for Blockchain, i.e. a pan-European framework for regulatory dialogues with the aim to increase legal certainty for innovative blockchain solutions, which will run until 2026. The sandbox is open to companies from all industry sectors.

[EC dedicated 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

## ■ Chemicals

The European Chemicals Agency published the proposal to reduce PFAS emissions into the environment. A six-month consultation is planned to start on 22 March.

[ECHA dedicated page](#)

# / Decision

## EC Decision of 16 February – German support to ArcelorMittal

### ■ Renewable energy

The EC approved the German measure to support ArcelorMittal's in building a demonstration plant for the production of green steel using renewable hydrogen.

[Case information SA.63733](#)

## EC Decision of 16 February – PON.Bike / VWFS / Glinicke / DML

### ■ Rental and leasing of recreational and sports goods

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Digital Mobility Leasing GmbH ("DML") by Pon Holdings B.V. ("PON"), Volkswagen Financial Services Aktiengesellschaft ("VWFS") and Glinicke Finanz Holding GmbH & Co. KG ("Glinicke").

### [Case information](#)

#### **EC Decision of 15 February – SABIC AN / ETG World / EIHL**

##### **■ Manufacture of fertilisers and nitrogen compounds**

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of ETG Inputs Holdco Limited (“EIHL”) by SABIC Agri-Nutrients Company (“SABIC AN”) and ETC Group (“ETG World”).

### [Case information](#)

#### **EC Decision of 14 February – Omron / Kirin / KTS**

##### **■ Manufacture of machinery for food, beverage and tobacco processing**

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Kirin Techno-System Company (“KTS”) by Omron Corporation and Kirin Brewery.

### [Case information](#)

#### **EC Decision of 14 February – DaVita / Medtronic / Medtronic Renal Care Solutions**

##### **■ Manufacture of medical and dental instruments and supplies; specialist medical practice activities**

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Medtronic’s Renal Care Solutions business (“RCS business”) by DaVita Inc. and Medtronic Inc.

### [Case information](#)

#### **EC Decision of 14 February – Cintra / Abertis / Itinere / Bip & Drive**

##### **■ Service activities incidental to land transportation**

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Bip & Drive E.D.E. S.A. by Cintra Infraestructuras Espana S.L., Abertis Autopistas Espana S.A. and Itinere Infraestructuras.

### [Case information](#)

#### **EC Investigation of 13 February – Viasat / Inmarsat**

##### **■ Satellite telecommunications activities**

The EC opened an in-depth investigation into the proposed acquisition of Inmarsat by Viasat.

### [Case information](#)

#### **EC Decision of 10 February – Deutsche Telekom / Orange / Telefonica / Vodafone / JV**

##### **■ Information service activities n.e.c.**

The EC approved the creation of a joint venture by Deutsche Telekom AG Orange SA, Telefonica S.A. and Vodafone Group plc.

### [Case information](#)

## **/ From the OJEU**

### **■ Non-opposition to concentrations**

Non-opposition to the notified concentration BMWK / SEFE – Case M.10963 has been published.

### [Document 2023/C 57/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Proximus / Ethias / JV – Case M.10924 has been published.

### [Document 2023/C 56/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Premereni / Suas Clean Energy / JVs – Case M.11019 has been published.

### [Document 2023/C 55/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration CNP Group / Sienna Group / ECT Group – Case M.10976 has been published.

### [Document 2023/C 53/01 – Case information](#)

### **■ Prior notification of concentrations**

Prior notification of the concentration Magna International / Minth Group / Huainan Magna Minth Exteriors Systems JV – Case M.10998 has been published.

### [Document 2023/C 60/21 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Ermenegildo Zegna / The Estee Lauder Companies / Tom Ford International – Case M.11039 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 60/20 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration EQT / Trescal – Case M.11011 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 60/19 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Renault / Minth / JV – Case M.11005 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 60/18 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Partners Group / GHO / Sterling Pharma – Case M.11026 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 60/17 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration BDT Capital Partners / M+W Group / Exyte – Case M.11002 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 60/16 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Westcoast / Komsa – Case M.10990 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 57/09 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Agrofert / Borealis Nitro – Case M.10834 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 57/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Rothschild & Co / Andera Partners / Financiere Canella – Case M.11038 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 55/03 – Case information](#)

## / Brussels intern

### ■ Sanctions

The European Commission proposed a new package of sanctions against Russia. EU ambassadors had already a first discussion on the text, which the Commission President would like to see adopted before the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the invasion of the Ukraine.

### ■ EU-New Zealand Trade Agreement

The European Commission sent to the Council for signature the EU-New Zealand trade agreement. Once this is done, the agreement will be sent to the European Parliament for its consent.

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