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## Main Topics

Law	Bank/Insurance/Tax	Environment	Media/Telecom	Competition/SA
Healthcare	Aviation/Transport	Foreign Trade	Energy Compliance	Food/Tobacco

# Law

## Abuse of Dominance Rules

The EC launched a consultation with the view to adopt Guidelines on exclusionary abuses of dominance. Interested parties can submit comments until 24 April. A draft version of these guidelines shall be released by mid-2024, with the final adoption planned for 2025. In the meanwhile, the Commission has published a communication which modifies the 2008 guidance on enforcement priorities regarding exclusionary abuses, clarifying its approach to exclusionary conduct cases.

[EC consultation page – EC Communication – Annex](#)

## CO2 Emissions and Cars

The Council approved the agreement on the regulation on CO2 emissions for new cars and vans, which sets as targets 55% reductions for new cars and 50% reductions for new vans from 2030 to 2034 compared to 2021 levels; and 100% reductions from 2035. The regulation will now be published in the EU Official Journal and enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication. This adoption arrives after several weeks of discussions between the EC and Germany, with the two parties that have finally reached a deal on the sale of cars running on synthetic e-fuels even after 2035; more precisely, following a consultation with stakeholders, the Commission will present a legislative proposal for a delegated act to incorporate a carve out for e-fuels by the end of the Summer/beginning of Autumn. If the co-legislators, the Council and the European Parliament, reject the proposal, the Commission will have to launch a revision of the regulation.

[EC regulation](#)

## Alternative Fuel Infrastructure

Negotiators of the European Parliament and the Council reached a provisional agreement on the Alternative Fuel Infrastructure regulation (AFIR) proposal, which will set – among others - mandatory deployment targets for electric recharging and hydrogen refuelling infrastructure for the road sector and will ensure sufficient and user-friendly alternative fuels infrastructure for road, shipping and aviation. Some aspects of the original EC's proposal have been amended; in particular, a gradual process of infrastructure deployment shall start in 2025 and the total power of electric recharging pools has been adapted. The agreement now needs to be formally adopted by the two co-legislators, then the regulation will be published in the EU Official Journal and it will enter into force after a transitional period of 6 months. The text of the agreement will be available soon.

[EC original proposal](#)

## Renewable Energy Directive

The Council and the European Parliament reached a provisional political agreement on the Renewable Energy Directive, which contains sector-specific targets in transport, industry, buildings and district heating and cooling. The agreement now needs to be endorsed by the two institutions and then it will be published in the EU Official Journal. The agreed text will be available soon.

[EC proposal](#)

## Market Stability Reserve

The Council adopted a decision amending the Market Stability Reserve (MSR) of the EU Emissions Trading System. Further changes to the MSR will be endorsed as part of the revision of the EU ETS expected to be voted in the next weeks. Final text will be available soon.

[EC proposal](#)

## Green Deal

The Council adopted two regulations that will enable the EU to reduce its net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030 compared to 1990 levels: the revised Effort Sharing Regulation which contains targets for Member States in sectors not currently included in the EU Emissions Trading System, buildings, agriculture, waste, small industry and transport; and the revised regulation on the land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF) which covers the emission and removals of CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere in non-agricultural use of soils, trees, plants, biomass and timber. The regulations will now be published in the EU Official Journal.

[Effort Sharing Regulation – LULUCF Regulation](#)

## Fluorinated Gases

The European Parliament adopted its position on the revision of the EU's legislative framework on fluorinated gases (F-gases) emissions. Lawmakers are proposing to accelerate the phase-down and to have a total phase-out of hydrofluorocarbons by 2050. Inter-institutional negotiations with the Council on the final shape of the legislation will start once the latter has agreed on its position on the proposal.

[EP adopted text](#)

## Company Law

The EC adopted a proposal to update Directive 2017/1132 with the aim to facilitate cross-border companies' operations and increase transparency also by expanding the use of digital tools and processes. The proposal will have to be discussed and adopted by the European Parliament and the Council. Member States will then have two years to transpose the Directive into national law.

[EC proposal – Annex](#)

## Gas Package

The Council agreed on its general approaches on the two proposals that set common internal market rules for renewable and natural gases and hydrogen. The two texts will serve as a basis for negotiations with the European Parliament and the European Commission on a final version of the proposals. Once an agreement is reached, the legislations will have to be formally adopted and published in the EU Official Journal.

[Council general approach on the proposal for a Directive](#)

[Council general approach on the proposal for a Regulation](#)

## Anti-coercion Instrument

Negotiators of the Council and the European Parliament reached a provisional political agreement on the proposal for a regulation on the protection of the Union and its Member States from economic coercion by third countries, so-called Anti-Coercion Instrument (ACI). The final text still needs to be endorsed by the negotiators at a final meeting; then the regulation will have to be officially adopted by the co-legislators. Once the procedure is completed, the regulation will be published in the EU Official Journal and it will enter into force 20 days afterwards. The agreed text will be available soon.

[EC original proposal](#)

## Packaging

Commission Delegated Regulation of 19 December 2022 amending Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 as regards hazard classes and criteria for the classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Delegated Regulation 2023/707](#)

## Product Safety

The European Parliament endorsed the revised regulation on product safety of non-food consumer products. The new regulation will extend the obligations of economic operators (also online) and increase the powers of market surveillance authorities. Once the Council has officially adopted the text, the regulation will be published in the EU Official Journal and it will apply 18 months after its entry into force.

[General Product Safety Regulation](#)

## 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

## Crypto-Asset Service Providers

The European Banking Authority launched a consultation on the amendments to its risk-based AML/CFT supervisory guidelines, in order to include crypto-asset service providers. Contributions can be submitted until 29 June.

[EBA consultation paper](#)

## Data Protection and VAT

The Summary of the Opinion of the European Data Protection Supervisor on the package of legislative proposals on VAT in the Digital Age has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Document](#)

## Decision

### EC Decision of 30 March – Hitachi Construction Machinery / Kiesel / EAC

#### Manufacture of machinery for mining; wholesale of machinery for the textile industry

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of EAC European Application Center GmbH (“EAC”) by KTEG GmbH and Hitachi Construction Machinery Co. Ltd. (“HCM”).

[Case information](#)

### EC Decision of 28 March – Google / Photomath Computer programming activities; software publishing

The EC approved the proposed acquisition of Photomath Inc. by Google LLC.

[Case information](#)

### EC Decision of 24 March – Yokohama Rubber Co / Trelleborg Wheel Systems Holding

#### Manufacture of rubber tyres and tubes; retreading and rebuilding of rubber tyres

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Trelleborg Wheel Systems Holding AB (“TWS”) by Yokohama Rubber Co. Ltd. (“YRC”).

[Case information](#)

## From the OJEU

### Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Derichebourg / Elior – Case M.11044 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 116/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Macquarie Group / WPD / Luwei Wind Power / Chungwei Wind Power / Tongwei Wind Power / Chinfeng Wind Power / Anwei Wind Power – Case M.11052 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 115/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration PGGM / DIF / EQT / SAUR – Case M.11040 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 114/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Berkshire Partners / GTCR / Point Broadband – Case M.11066 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 113/05 – Case information](#)

Non opposition to the notified concentration Mitsubishi Corporation / Mitsubishi HC Capital / JV – Case M.11045 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 113/04 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Mondelez / Chipita Industrial and Commercial Company – Case M.10350 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 113/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Itochu / Tokyo Century / HCM / JV – Case M.10981 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 113/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Verdane Capital 2020 / FSN Capital VI / Polytech Group – Case M.11041 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 113/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration EP Power Europe / Camden – Case M.11036 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 111/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration ORLEN / SGE / OSGE – Case M.10933 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 111/01 – Case information](#)

## Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Cinven / MBCC Divestment Business – Case M.11099 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 116/13 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Schüco / Metallinvest / RSFB / AWB – Case M.10917 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 115/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration CDC Group / EDF / ENGIE / IN GROUPE / ARCHIPELS – Case M.11008 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 115/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Macquarie / Ivanhoe / RHP Partners Manager GP / JV – Case M.11064 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 114/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Frasers / Go Sport – Case M.11085 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 114/06 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Totalenergies / Total Eren – Case M.11076 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 114/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Advent / GfK – Case M.10860 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 113/12 – Case information](#)

## Brussels intern

### Digital Services Act

The European Commission plans to adopt by the end of May an implementing act on the DSA which will include also provisions regarding the investigatory and enforcement powers of the Commission and the related right to reply by platforms.

## EU – China Competition

Representatives of the EU and China had a confrontation on their cooperation on competition law and enforcement, with a special focus on internal case review mechanisms and the latest developments both at the legislative and practical level in the digital economy and in EU state aid control.

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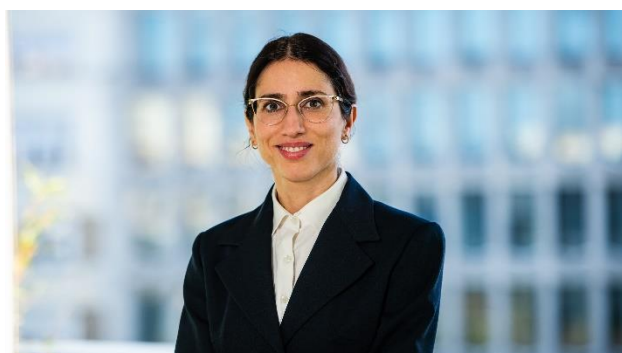
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