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Main Topics

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Healthcare	Aviation/Transport	Foreign Trade	Energy Compliance	Food/Tobacco

Law

Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Regulation

The Transport Committee of the European Parliament voted in favor of the agreement reached last March by negotiators of the European Parliament and the Council on the proposal for a regulation on the mandatory deployment of alternative fuel infrastructure for cars and trucks, which will set minimum mandatory national targets for the deployment of this infrastructure. The agreement now needs to be officially adopted by both the European Parliament in plenary and the Council; then it can be published in the EU Official Journal.

[Text of the agreement](#)

Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive

The European Parliament in plenary adopted its position on the proposed directive, which will introduce obligations for companies to identify and where necessary prevent, end or mitigate the negative impact of their activities, and of their value-chain partners, on human rights and the environment. Inter-institutional negotiations with the Council on the final shape of the directive can finally start.

[Adopted text](#)

Antitrust – Horizontal Block Exemption Regulations

The EC adopted its revised Horizontal Block Exemption Regulations on Research and Development (“R&D”) and Specialisation agreements (“HBERs”), together with the revised Horizontal Guidelines. The new HBERs will enter into force on 1 July 2023, while the Guidelines right after their publication in the EU Official Journal. Among other things, the revised rules will expand the scope of the Specialisation Block Exemption Regulation to cover more types of production agreements; increase clarity and flexibility with regard to the calculation of market shares for the purpose of applying the R&D Block Exemption Regulation; introduce a new section on Mobile Telecommunications Infrastructure Sharing Agreements; expand and clarify the chapter of guidelines on Purchasing Agreements and introduce a new chapter to the Horizontal Guidelines covering Sustainability Agreements.

[HBERs dedicated page – Guidelines – Explanatory note](#)

State Aid

The EC adopted a Communication regarding the mid-term review of the regional aid maps for the period 2022-2027. The revised guidelines, which entered into force on 1 January 2022, provide the possibility for Member States to amend their regional aid maps as part of the review. Therefore, they have now the possibility to propose amendments that reflect changes in the GDP per capita and unemployment rates in their regions.

[EC dedicated page](#)

Anti-dumping

Commission Implementing Regulation of 30 May 2023 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of rebars originating in the Republic of Belarus following an expiry review pursuant to article 11(2) of Regulation

(EU) 2016/1036 of the European Parliament and of the Council has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2023/1050](#)

EU-US Veterinary Products

At the last EU-US Trade and Technology Council meeting, representatives of the two parties reached an agreement to mutually recognize the results of pharmaceutical Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) inspections for veterinary products. Therefore, veterinary products manufactured in the EU can now be exported to and marketed in the US without a prior inspection by the US authorities of the EU manufacturers and vice versa.

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

Greenwashing – Financial Sector

The European Supervisory Authorities (EBA, EIOPA and ESMA) published their progress report on Greenwashing in the financial sector.

[Progress report](#)

Gas – Interconnection Points

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators and the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSOG) published a series of proposals to address the issue raised by the European Federation of Energy Traders (EFET) on enhancing the availability of firm gas capacity at interconnection points.

[Dedicated page](#)

Decision

EC Decision of 01 June – PEP / SCP / Hyve Organisation of conventions and trade shows

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Hyve Group PLC by Providence Equity Partners LLC (“PEP”) and Searchlight Capital Partners LP (“SCP”).

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 30 May – Liberty Global / Fluvius / Netco Telecommunications

The EC approved the creation of a joint venture by Liberty Global plc and Fluvius System Operator CV (“Fluvius”).

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 30 May – Toyofuji / KYK / Kamigumi / TTC / PT Patimban International Car Terminal Water transport; cargo handling; sea and coastal freight water transport

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of PT. Patimban International Car Terminal (“PT. Patimban”) by Toyofuji Shipping Co. Ltd. (“Toyofuji”), Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha (“NYK”), Kamigumi Co. Ltd (“Kamigumi”) and Toyota Tsusho Corporation (“TTC”).

[Case information](#)

From the OJEU

Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Altor / Marlin / Meltwater – Case M.11058 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 194/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration ENI / Sonatrach / Equinor / In Salah JV – Case M.10941 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 193/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration One / Macquarie / Trapac – Case M.11056 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 187/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Trafigura / Ecobat Resources Stolberg – Case M.10859 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 187/01 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Nordic Metal / Alumeco Group – Case M.11061 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 194/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Pierer / Leoni – Case M.11131 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 194/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration CEPSA / BOH / BWT – Case M.11101 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 193/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Silver Fawn / MHI / Ayosa Hoteles / Evertmel / Jamaica Devco – Case M.11102 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 190/15 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Liberty Global / Mediahuis / NRJ Group / Vlaanderen Een – Case M.11088 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 190/14 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Towerbrook / Lov Group / Elocga / The Independents – Case M.11126 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 187/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration CD&R / Stone Point / Focus – Case M.11094 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 187/07 – Case information](#)

Brussels intern

Product Liability

The Council is expected to reach an agreement on the proposal on new product liability rules before the end of June.

Deforestation Rules

Representatives of the EU met with representatives of Malaysia and Indonesia to discuss the recently adopted EU regulation on deforestation.

Artificial Intelligence

The European Parliament is expected to adopt its position on the AI Act during the plenary session in mid-June; if so, inter-institutional negotiations with the Council on the final shape of the legislation will finally start.

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