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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

## End-of-Life Vehicles

The EC released its proposal for a regulation on circularity requirements for vehicle design and on management of end-of-life vehicles, which will replace the existing legislation, in particular Directive 2000/53/EC on end-of-life vehicles and Directive 2005/64/EC on the type-approval of motor vehicles with regard to their reusability, recyclability and recoverability. The new regulation will focus on several key elements to enhance circularity in the design and production of vehicles and in recycling. Producer responsibility will be reinforced by establishing national Extended Producer Responsibility Schemes under uniform requirements. The proposal will have to be discussed and agreed by the European Parliament and the Council under the ordinary legislative procedure.

[EC proposal](#)

## Foreign Subsidies Regulation

The EC adopted the Implementing Regulation laying down a series of provisions on the procedures for notifying, the content of notifications, rules for calculating time limits and other procedural rules on preliminary reviews and in-depth investigations.

[Commission Implementing Regulation](#)

## Batteries Regulation

The Council adopted the new regulation on batteries and waste batteries, which will modernize the regulatory framework for batteries and regulate their entire life cycle. The regulation will apply to all batteries including all waste portable batteries, electric vehicle batteries, industrial batteries, starting, lighting and ignition (SLI) batteries and batteries for light means of transport. The new rules will set targets for producers to collect waste, mandatory minimum levels of recycled content and strict due diligence rules for operators who must verify the source of the raw materials. The regulation will soon be published in the EU Official Journal and will enter into force 20 days after. In the coming months, the Commission will have to adopt delegated and implementing acts on certain sustainability rules.

[Regulation concerning batteries and waste batteries](#)

## Alternative Fuels Infrastructure

The European Parliament formally approved the agreement reached with the Council in March on the proposal to revise the 2014 Directive on alternative fuels infrastructure. The Council now needs to endorse the text, which can then be published in the EU Official Journal.

[Deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure regulation](#)

## Eco-design for Sustainable Products

The European Parliament adopted its report on the proposal to revise the EU's eco-design framework for sustainable products. The new rules will apply to almost all products on the internal market, except for food, feed, medicinal products and living organisms. Inter-institutional negotiations with the Council on the final version of the law can now start.

[Adopted text](#)

## Industrial Emissions

The European Parliament adopted its position on the proposal for a directive on industrial emissions, which will cover also extractive industry installations (mines) and large installations manufacturing batteries (with the exception of those exclusively assembling battery modules and battery packs). Inter-institutional negotiations with the Council on the final shape of the legislation can now start.

[Adopted text](#)

## Construction Products Regulation

The European Parliament adopted its report on the proposal to revise the sustainability rules for construction products. Inter-institutional negotiations on the final form of the regulation will start soon.

[Adopted text](#)

## Greening Freight

The EC presented its measures to make freight transport more efficient and more sustainable. The package contains a proposal to revise the current Weights and Dimensions Directive which sets the maximum weight length, width and height for heavy-duty vehicles, and a proposal on a common methodological approach for companies to calculate their greenhouse gas emissions. The proposals will have to be discussed and agreed by the European Parliament and the Council under the ordinary legislative procedure.

[EC proposal for a revision of the Weights and Dimensions Directive](#) – [EC proposal for a Regulation on the accounting of greenhouse gas emissions of transport services](#)

## Semiconductors

The European Parliament approved the text agreed with the Council on the proposal for a regulation establishing a framework of measures for strengthening Europe's semiconductor ecosystem, so-called Chips Act. Before being published in the EU Official Journal, the regulation will have to be officially endorsed by the Council.

[Chips Act](#)

## Metaverse

The EC released its communication on virtual worlds, which sets out the Commission's strategy and proposed actions to address the challenges of the web 4.0.

[Communications on virtual worlds and Web 4.0](#)

## Data Protection

The EC adopted its adequacy decision for the EU-US Data Privacy Framework, which will guarantee the transfer of personal data from the EU to the US with the same guarantees provided under the General Data Protection Regulation. The framework will be subject to periodic reviews.

[Adequacy decision](#)

## Foreign Direct Investments Screening

The EC launched a revision of Regulation (EU) 2019/452 which sets out the European framework for the screening of foreign direct investments into the Union. Interested parties can submit their feedback until 21 July. The Commission planned to adopt revised rules in the quart quarter of the year.

[EC dedicated page](#)

## Anti-dumping

Commission Implementing Regulation of 11 July 2023 imposing a provisional anti-dumping duty on imports of steel bulb flats originating in the People's Republic of China and Türkiye has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2023/1444](#)

Commission Implementing Decision of 30 June 2023 concerning exemptions from the extended anti-dumping duty on certain bicycle parts originating in the People's Republic of China pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 88/97 has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2023/1431](#)

## EU-New Zealand Trade Agreement

The EU and New Zealand signed the free trade agreement which includes unprecedented sustainability commitments, including respect of the Paris Climate Agreement and core labour rights. The agreement has been sent to the European Parliament for its consent.

[EC dedicated page](#)

## EU-Japan Summit

Representatives of the EU and of Japan met in Brussels for the 29<sup>th</sup> Summit and agreed to strengthen their cooperation in areas of high economic potential. In particular, the two parties signed a Memorandum of Cooperation on semiconductors and an Administrative Arrangement aiming at reinforcing cooperation on crucial raw materials supply chains.

[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

## Crypto Markets

The European Securities and Markets Authority launched a consultation on the Markets in Crypto-Assets Regulation, more precisely on the proposed rules for crypto-asset service providers. Contributions can be submitted until 20 September. A final report on the outcome of the consultation will then be published. The draft technical standards will be submitted to the EC for endorsement by 30 June 2024 at the latest.

[ESMA consultation paper](#)

## MiFIR

The European Securities and Markets Authority published its Manual on post-trade transparency, which provides market participants and national competent authorities with guidance on how to apply the different provision of MiFIR.

[ESMA manual](#)

## Chief Competition Economist

The EC appointed Fiona Scott Morton as Chief Competition Economist at the Directorate-General for Competition.

# Decision

## Court of Justice of the EU Decision of 13 July – Commission v CK Telecoms UK Investments

The Court overturned a decision of the European Commission not to authorise the proposed merger through the acquisition of Telefonica Europe by Hutchison 3G UK Investments. The case is referred back to the General Court.

[Case information](#)

## EC Decision of 12 July – Broadcom / VMware Computer programming activities; manufacture of electronic components and boards

The EC approved the proposed acquisition of VMware by Broadcom, subject to conditions.

[Case information](#)

## **EC Decision of 12 July – Illumina / GRAIL Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and preparations**

The EC fined Illumina and GRAIL for implementing their proposed merger before the approval by the Commission.

[Case information](#)

## **EC Decision of 11 July – ADNOC / ÖBAG / OMV      ADNOC / OMV**

### **Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products; extraction of crude petroleum and natural gas; wholesale of gaseous fuels**

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of OMV Aktiengesellschaft (“OMV”) by Österreichische Beteiligungs AG (“ÖBAG”) and Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (“ADNOC”).

[Case information](#)

## **EC Decision of 10 July – BDT / LGP / Promach Manufacture of machinery for food, beverage and tobacco processing**

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Pro Mach Inc. (“ProMach”) by BDT Capital Partners LLC (“BDT”) and Leonard Green & Partners L.P. (“LGP”).

[Case information](#)

# **From the OJEU**

## **Non-opposition to concentrations**

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Hutchison Ports Sokhna / Golden Chance Investment Enterprise / CMA Terminals / JV – Case M.11104 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 249/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Philip Morris International / Swedish Match – Case M.10792 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 246/01 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration SSG / Ordina – Case M.11183 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 245/03 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Messer / Toyota Tsusho Europe / JV – Case M.10984 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 245/02 – Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Petronas / NPI / Canwind and Northwind (JVs) – Case M.11136 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 245/01 – Case information](#)

## Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Fortum Markets / Telge Energi – Case M.11202 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 249/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Hedin / Torpedo – Case M.11173 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 249/06 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Nestle / PAI Partners / JV – Case M.11147 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 249/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Octopus Energy / Legal & General Capital Investments / Kensa Group – Case M.11188 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 246/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration PLD / NBIM / Veghel – Case M.11172 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 246/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Mapfre / VAS / JV – Case M.11096 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 245/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Macquarie / BCI / Endeavour Energy – Case M.11181 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 243/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Cinven / Amara – Case M.11156 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 243/07 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Adobe / Figma – Case M.11033 has been published.

[Document 2023/C 243/06 – Case information](#)

## Brussels intern

### **Gigabit Infrastructure Act**

The lead Committee at the European Parliament plans to vote on its report on the proposal on a Gigabit Infrastructure Act (GIA) on 19 September. At the Council the file is still under discussion.

### **Product Liability Directive**

The lead Committee at the European Parliament is expected to vote on the EU's product liability framework on 20 September. Inter-institutional negotiations on the file can start only once the Parliament has adopted its position.

### **Artificial Intelligence Act**

The Presidency of the Council aims to conclude inter-institutional negotiations on the AI Act by the end of its term in December.



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