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Law

Euro 7

The Environment Committee of the European Parliament adopted its report on the proposal which will revamp the European rules for type-approval and markets surveillance of motor vehicles, the so-called Euro 7 emissions standards. The report is expected to be endorsed by the European Parliament during the November plenary sitting. It will be the negotiating position of the lawmakers during the inter-institutional negotiations with the Council on the final shape of the legislation. The adopted text will be available soon.

Liability of Defective Products

The Legal Affairs Committee and the Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee of the European Parliament approved their position on the proposal to update the rules on the liability of economic operators for damage caused by defective products, to align them to the emergence of new technology and the transition to a circular economic model. Once the Parliament in plenary adopts the report, inter-institutional negotiations with the Council on the final shape of the legislation will start. The adopted text will be available soon.

[Adopted text](#)

Consortia Block Exemption Regulation

Based on the feedback received during the review process, the EC decided not to extend the EU legal framework which exempts liner shipping consortia from EU antitrust rules.

[EC decision](#) – [EC staff working document](#)

Digital Markets Act

The EC published the template for the compliance report that designated gatekeepers will need to submit under the Digital Markets Act within six months from designation and update them once a year. The gatekeepers designated last 6 September (Alphabet, Amazon, Apple, ByteDance, Meta, Microsoft) are expected to present the first reports by 7 March 2024.

[EC dedicated page](#)

Electronic Communications

The EC published the summary of the results of the exploratory consultation on the future of the electronic communications sector, together with the non-confidential versions of the contributions received on the questionnaire on connectivity infrastructure.

[EC dedicated page](#)

Renewable Energy Directive

The Council adopted the new Renewable Energy Directive which will raise the share of renewable energy in the EU's overall energy consumption to 42.5% by 2030. The directive will soon be published in the EU Official Journal and enter into force 20 days later. Member States will have 18 months after the entry into force to transpose it into national legislation.

[Directive on the promotion of energy from renewable sources](#)

ReFuel EU Aviation Regulation

The Council adopted the regulation which will set out EU-wide harmonized rules for the promotion of sustainable aviation fuels. The regulation will soon be published in the EU Official Journal and will enter into force the twentieth day after its publication.

[Regulation on ensuring a level playing field for sustainable air transport](#)

Consumer Credit Directive

The Council adopted the directive which will repeal and replace the current directive on consumer credit agreements of 2008. The new law aims to enhance the protection for European consumers applying for credit. The directive will soon be published in the Official Journal of the EU and enter into force on the twentieth day following its publication.

[Directive on credit agreements for consumers](#)

Geographical Indications for Craft and Industrial Products

The Council adopted the regulation on geographical indication protection for craft and industrial products. The regulation will be published in the coming days in the EU Official Journal and will enter into force on the twentieth day following its publication.

[EC original proposal on geographical indication protection for craft and industrial products](#)

Anti-dumping

Commission Implementing Regulation of 12 October 2023 imposing a provisional anti-dumping duty on imports of electrolytic manganese dioxides originating in the People's Republic of China has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Implementing Regulation 2023/2120](#)

Organic Pet Food

The Council adopted the regulation that will align the rules on the labelling of organic pet food to those governing the labelling of organic food for human consumption. The regulation will enter into force three days after its publication in the EU Official Journal.

[Regulation on the labelling of organic pet food](#)

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

Banking

The European Banking Authority published its quarterly Risk Dashboard, which is part of the regular risk assessment conducted by the Authority on the European banking sector.

[EBA dedicated page](#)

Decision

EC Decision Restorative Measures of 12 October – Illumina / GRAIL

Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations

The EC adopted restorative measures ordering Illumina to unwind its completed acquisition of GRAIL.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 12 October – Deutsche Bank / Munich Re / Weltec Holding JV

Electric power generation, transmission and distribution; manufacture of gas; distribution of gaseous fuels; steam and air conditioning supply; manufacture of fertilisers

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Weltec Holding GmbH (“Weltec”) by DWS Alternatives Global Limited (“DWS”) and Münchener Rückversicherungs-Gesellschaft Aktiengesellschaft in München (“MunichRe”).

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 12 October – Swiss Life / SGC / East London Energy / Equans De Holding Company / Iesi Assets / JV

Electric power generation, transmission and distribution; electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply

The EC approved the creation of a joint venture by Swiss Life Holding AG and Schrodgers Greencoat LLP.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 12 October – TDR Capital / Ring International / Popeyes UK

Restaurants and mobile food service activities; other retail sale of food in specialized stores

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of PLK Venture UK Ltd (“Popeyes UK”) by TDR Capital LLP and Ring International Holding AG.

[Case information](#)

**EC Decision of 12 October – ENI / Neptune
Manufacture of refined petroleum products; manufacture of gas; extraction of natural gas and crude petroleum**

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of part of Neptune Energy Group Limited (“Neptune”) by Eni Spa.

[Case information](#)

**EC Decision of 11 October – Hamburger Energiewerke / ANE
Electric power generation, transmission and distribution**

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of ANE GmbH & Co. KG by Hamburger Energiewerke GmbH.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 10 October – One Rock Capital Partners / Constantia

Manufacture of plastic packing goods; manufacture of light metal packaging

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Constantia Flexibles GmbH (“Constantia”) by One Rock Capital Partners LLC (“ORC”).

[Case information](#)

**EC Decision of 09 October – KKR / Infracapital / Zenobe Energy
Service activities incidental to land transportation; electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply**

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Zenobe Energy Limited by Infracapital Greenfield Partners II (“Sterling”) SCSp (“Infracapital”) and KKR & Co. Inc.

[Case information](#)

**EC Decision of 09 October – Cochlear / Oticon Medical
Manufacture of medical and dental instruments and supplies**

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Oticon Medical’s cochlear implant business (“Oticon Medical”) by Cochlear Limited (“Cochlear”).

[Case information](#)

From the OJEU

Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Traton / Aktiebolaget Volvo / Daimler Truck / JV – Case M.10534 has been published.

[Document C/2023/264](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Jacquet Metals / Swiss Steel Companies – Case M.11098 has been published.

[Document C/2023/257](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration CVC / Worxinvest / SD Worx – Case M.11196 has been published.

[Document C/2023/244](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration PORR BAU / IGO Technologies / Sanitär-Elementbau – Case M.11235 has been published.

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

Non-opposition to the notified concentration EPCG / JTCP / Tymon / CMI – Case M.11122 has been published.

[Document C/2023/255](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Liberty / ISD Dunafer – Case M.11216 has been published.

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

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Bridgepoint / Windar – Case M.11179 has been published.

[Document C/2023/179](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Apollo Management / BC Partners / Petsmart – Case M.11255 has been published.

[Document C/2023/177](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Nidec Motor Corporation / Embraer / JV – Case M.11208 has been published.

[Document C/2023/178](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration AXA IM / Swiss Life / Morrison & Co / Lyntia Networks – Case M.10875 has been published.

[Document C/2023/170](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration INGKA / Morsano / Mopet – Case M.11199 has been published.

[Document C/2023/169](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Shell / EGO – Case M.11256 has been published.

[Document C/2023/168](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Keensight Capital / Nomios – Case M.11231 has been published.

[Document C/2023/176](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration TPG / Francisco Partners / New Relic – Case M.11259 has been published.

[Document C/2023/172](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Australiansuper / DigitalBridge / PSP / Vantage Emea – Case M.11292 has been published.

[Document C/2023/171](#) – [Case information](#)

Brussels intern

Steel and Aluminium

The European Commission is working on a proposal to create a joint tariff zone between the EU and US to impose duties on steel and aluminum imports from non-market economies.

Digital Markets Act

The former DMA rapporteur for the European Parliament, Mr Andreas Schwab, expressed the hope that the European Commission will look at incorporating associated services (e-mail service providers, cloud service providers, language assistance etc.) into the scope of the DMA.

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