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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

Data Act

The Council formally adopted the regulation on harmonized rules on fair access to and use of data, so-called Data Act. Following legal-linguistic review the new regulation will be published in the EU Official Journal and will enter into force the twentieth day after this publication.

[Data Act](#)

Cyber-Resilience Act

Negotiators of the European Parliament, the Council and the European Commission reached a provisional agreement on the so-called Cyber-Resilience Act, the proposed legislation on EU-wide cybersecurity requirements for the design, development, production and making available on the market of hardware and software products. The new law will apply to all products directly or indirectly connected to another device or a network. Work on the text will continue at technical level, then it will have to be endorsed and formally adopted by the European Parliament and the Council. The agreed text will be available soon.

[EC proposal for a regulation on horizontal cybersecurity requirements for products with digital elements](#)

State Aid

The EC prolonged until 31 December 2025 the possibility of granting rescue and restructuring aid to non-financial undertakings in difficulty under the Guidelines on State aid for rescuing and restructuring of non-financial undertakings in difficulty, without any other substantive changes.

[Communication from the Commission](#)

Industrial Emissions

Negotiators of the Council and the European Parliament reached provisional political agreements on the revision of the Directive on industrial emissions (IED) and the Regulation on the establishment of an industrial emissions portal (IEP). The new law will also cover activities involved in the extraction of metals and large-scale production of batteries. The new rules also aim to improve environmental data reporting by upgrading the existing European pollutant release and transfer register (E-PRTR). The agreements need to be formally endorsed and adopted by the European Parliament and the Council. The agreed texts will be available soon.

[EC proposal on the revision of the industrial emissions directive](#) - [EC proposal on the industrial emissions portal](#)

Renewable and Natural Gases

Negotiators of the European Parliament and the Council reached a provisional political agreement on the directive to establish common rules for the internal markets in renewable and natural gases and in hydrogen. The deal now needs to be endorsed and formally adopted by both institutions. The text will be available soon.

[EC proposal for a Directive on common rules for the internal markets in renewable and natural gases and in hydrogen](#)

Electricity Grids

The EC proposed an action plan to address the missing links of the clean energy transition, with the aim to guarantee that the European electricity grids will operate more efficiently.

[EC Communication](#)

European Green Deal

The EC adopted the first list of Projects of Common Interest (PCIs) and Projects of Mutual Interest (PMIs) that will benefit from streamlined permitting and regulatory procedures.

[EC dedicated page](#)

Central Securities Depositories

The Council adopted the regulation on central securities depositories (CSDs), which will amend Regulation 909/2014 and Regulation 236/2012. The new law will reduce the financial and regulators burden on CSDs and improve their ability to operate across borders. The regulation will soon be published in the EU Official Journal and will enter into force twenty days after its publication.

[Regulation on settlement discipline, cross-border provision of services, supervisory cooperation, provision of banking-type ancillary services and requirements for third-country central securities depositories](#)

European Single Access Point

The Council adopted the regulation creating the European Single Access Point (ESAP), a platform that will make financial and non-financial information about European companies and investment products easier to consult. The regulation will be published in the EU Official Journal in the coming weeks and it will enter into force twenty days after its publication.

[Regulation establishing a European single access point providing centralized access to publicly available information of relevance to financial services, capital markets and sustainability](#)

Trade in Firearms

The Council approved a negotiating mandate on the revision of the Regulation on import, export and transit measures for firearms for civilian use. Inter-institutional negotiations with the European Parliament on the final text can now start.

[Council negotiating mandate](#)

EU-New Zealand Trade

The EU completed its procedures ratifying the free trade agreement with New Zealand, the first agreement to integrate the EU's new approach to trade and sustainable development. Before the deal can enter into force, New Zealand will need to complete its ratification procedure, which shall be done by the first or second quarter of next year.

[EC dedicated page](#)

Trade Remedies

Commission Implementing Regulation of 27 November 2023 imposing a provisional anti-dumping duty on imports of certain polyethylene terephthalate originating in People's Republic of China has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2023/2659](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation of 27 November 2023 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1776 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of melamine originating in People's Republic of China following a "new exporter" review pursuant to Article 11(4) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1036 has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2023/2653](#)

Notice of initiation of an anti-dumping proceeding concerning imports of erythritol originating in the People's Republic of China has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Document C/2023/1020](#)

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 launched a consultation on new Guidelines on preventing the misuse of funds and certain crypto-assets transfers for money laundering and terrorist financing purposes. Contributions can be submitted until 26 February.

[EBA consultation paper](#)

Decision

EC Decision of 30 November – PSA / Duisport / HUPAC / HTS / DGT

Support activities for transportation; cargo handling

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Duisburg Gateway Terminal GmbH ("DGT") by Duisburger Hafen AG ("Duisport"), Hupac SA, H.T.S. Intermodaal B.V. ("H.T.S.") and PSA Belgium Holdings BV ("PSA").

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 30 November – Carlyle / GTCR / CAPTRUST Activities auxiliary to insurance and financial services

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of The Capfinancial Group LLC (“CAPTRUST”) by The Carlyle Group Inc. (“Carlyle”) and GTCR LLC.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 30 November – Grain / BAM / Blackstone / PTI Wireless telecommunications activities

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Phoenix Tower US Holdings L.P. by Grain Management LLC, BlackRock Alternatives Management LLC and Blackstone Inc.

[Case information](#)

EC SoB of 29 November – Automotive Starter Battery Cartel Case

Manufacture of batteries

The EC sent Statement of Objections to automotive starter batteries manufacturers Banner, Clarios, Exide, FET and its predecessor Elettra, and Rombat and to trade association Eurobat and its service provider Kellen.

[Case information AT.40545](#)

EC Decision of 28 November – Brookfield / Schoeller Allibert Manufacture of plastic packaging goods

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Schoeller Packaging Holding B.V. (“Schoeller Allibert”) by Brookfield Corporation (“Brookfield”).

[Case information](#)

EC SoO of 28 November – Amazon / iRobot Manufacture of consumer electronics; retail sale in non-specialized stores

The EC sent Amazon a Statement of Objections over its proposed acquisition of iRobot.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 24 November – Petronord Scandinavia / PS Energi

Retail sale of automotive fuel in specialized stores

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of PS Energi AB by Petronord Scandinavia AB.

[Case information](#)

From the OJEU

Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Renault / Meinauto-Group – Case M.11254 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1363](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Avialliance / AIA – Case M.11285 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1248](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration WHP / G-Star – Case M.11296 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1254](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Airbus / Safran / TAC / Aubert & Duval – Case M.10760 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1211](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Allianz / TUA Assicurazioni – Case M.11351 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1388](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Foxconn EV / ZF / ZF Chassis Modules – Case M.11316 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1359](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration RENGO / MC / MCT / SUN-TOX – Case M.11318 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1358](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration CAI / Banque Degroof Petercam – Case M.11311 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1357](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration EDP / Masaveu / Abono Generaciones Electricas – Case M.11361 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1336](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Central / Selfridges – Case M.11370 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1316](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration AGI / BNPPF / JV – Case M.11303 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1269](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Meridiam / MGETS Fund / Verkor – Case M.11293 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1268](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration DEPA / GEK Terna / GENER / FIER – Case M.11182 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1266](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration ENGIE / EFS / Idesamgar – Case M.11330 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1265](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Bromia / Raiffeisen Bank International / Raiffeisen Continuum Management – Case M.11273 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1253](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Corvinus / Vinci Airports / Airport Holding – Case M.11339 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1252](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration JD Sports / Marketing Investment Group – Case M.11244 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1251](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration MHI / MELCO / JV – Case M.11310 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1250](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration EPEI / ATOS TF Business – Case M.11299 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1249](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Macquarie / UBS / RHP / JV – Case M.11349 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1221](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Omers / ABP / Kenter – Case M.11233 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1220](#) – [Case information](#)

Brussels intern

Critical Raw Materials Act

The European Parliament is expected to endorse the political agreement reached with the Council on the final shape of the regulation on 12 December. Then the text will have to be endorsed by the Council before being published in the EU Official Journal.

Net Zero Industry Act

EU Ministers are expected to reach a general approach on the regulation to strengthen Europe's net-zero technologies manufacturing sector in Europe (so-called Net-Zero Industry Act) on 7 December.

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