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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

Sustainable Finance

The Council reached an agreement on its position on the proposal for a regulation on environmental, social and governance (ESG) ratings. The new rules aim to strengthen the reliability and comparability of ESG ratings by improving the transparency and integrity of the operations of rating providers. Inter-institutional negotiations on the final shape of the law will start soon.

[Council position](#)

Packaging and Packaging Waste

The Council reached an agreement on the proposal for a regulation on packaging and packaging waste. The proposal will cover all packaging, regardless of the material used, and all packaging waste, regardless of its origin. Inter-institutional negotiations with the European Parliament on the final shape of the legislation will soon start.

[Council general approach](#)

EU-UK Electric Vehicles Rules of Origin

The EU-UK Partnership Council adopted the European Commission's proposal for one-off extension until 31 December 2026 of the current rules of origin for electric vehicles and batteries under the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement. Next to the extension of the current rules the proposal foresees a lock-in mechanism, which ensures that the full regime for local content requirements under the Trade and Cooperation Agreement will apply as from 2027.

[Decision No 1/2023 of the Partnership Council](#)

Euro 7

Negotiators of the European Parliament, the Council and the European Commission reached a provisional agreement on the proposal for the regulation for the type-approval and market surveillance of motor vehicles (Euro 7). The agreement will maintain the Euro 6 emissions limits for cars and vans but reduce the limits for buses and lorries. The agreement now needs to be formally adopted by the European Parliament and the Council. The regulation will apply 30 months after its entry into force for cars and vans and 48 months for buses, trucks and trailers, with some exceptions for vehicles constructed by small volume manufacturers. The new rules will repeal Regulations 715/2007 and 595/2009. The agreed text will be available soon.

[EC proposal for a regulation on type-approval of motor vehicles and engines and of systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles, with respect to their emissions and battery durability \(Euro 7\)](#)

CO2 Emission Performance Standards

Commission Implementing Regulation of 15 December 2023 implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/631 of the European Parliament and the Council by determining the procedures for performing the verification of the CO2 emission and fuel consumption values of passenger cars and light commercial vehicles in-service (in-service verification) has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2023/2866](#)

Commission Delegated Regulation of 5 October 2023 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2019/631 of the European Parliament and the Council by setting out the guiding principles and criteria for defining the procedures for the verification of the CO₂ emissions and fuel consumption values of passenger cars and light commercial vehicles in-service (in-service verification) has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2023/2867](#)

Hazardous Substances

The EC is collecting feedback on its draft delegated directive which will amend Directive 2011/65/EU as regards an exemption for cadmium in quantum dots for LED applications. Contributions can be submitted until 15 January.

[EC dedicated page](#)

Cyber Solidarity Act

The Council reached an agreement on its position on the proposal for a regulation laying down measures to strengthen solidarity and capacities in the Union to detect, prepare for and respond to cybersecurity threats and incidents, so-called Cyber Solidarity Act. Inter-institutional negotiations with the European Parliament on the final version of the regulation can now start.

[Council position](#)

Digital Services Act

The EC adopted the second set of designation decisions under the DSA, formally designating Pornhub, XVideos and Stripchat as Very Large Online Platforms.

[EC dedicated page](#)

The EC opened formal proceedings against X under the Digital Services Act, in areas linked to risk management, content moderation, dark patterns, advertising transparency and data access for researchers.

[EC dedicated page](#)

Sanctions Russia

The 12th package of EU sanctions against Russia has been adopted and the legal texts have been published in the EU Official Journal. The new package includes a prohibition on the direct or indirect import/purchase or transfer of diamonds from Russia, anti-circumvention measures, capping of oil prices, new import-export controls and measures on re-exportation of sensitive goods. In addition to that, additional 61 individuals and 86 entities have been included in the sanctions list.

[Official Journal](#)

Trade Remedies

Notice of initiation of an anti-subsidy proceeding concerning imports of certain alkyl phosphate esters originating in the People's Republic of China has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Document C/2023/1567](#)

Notice of initiation of a partial interim review of the anti-dumping measures applicable to imports of melamine originating in the People's Republic of China has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Document C/2023/1595](#)

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

[Document C/2023/1574](#)

US Steel and Aluminium

The EU decided to extend until 31 March 2025 the suspension of its rebalancing tariffs on US products in the context of the steel and aluminium dispute.

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2023/2882](#)

EU-Kenya Agreement

The EU and Kenya signed the Economic Partnership Agreement, the most ambitious trade agreement of the Union with a developing country with regard to the sustainability provisions. The deal will provide duty-free, quota-free EU market access to all exports from Kenya in addition to a partial and gradual opening of the Kenyan market to imports from the EU. Now the European Parliament needs to give its consent, then the agreement will enter into force.

[Text of the agreement](#) — [Addendum](#)

Benchmarks

The Council adopted its negotiating mandate on the proposal for a regulation as regards the scope of the rules for benchmarks, the use in the Union of benchmarks provided by administrator located in a third country, and certain reporting requirements, which will amend Regulation 2016/1011. Inter-institutional negotiations with the European Parliament on the final shape of the regulation will soon start.

[Council position](#)

Public Procurement

Commission Implementing Regulation of 20 December 2023 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1780 establishing standard forms for the publication of notices in the field of public procurement has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2023/2884](#)

Trans-European Transport Network

Negotiators of the European Parliament, the Council and the European Commission reached a provisional agreement on a revised regulation on EU guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network (TEN-T). Discussions will continue at technical level. Once this work is concluded, the text will have to be formally adopted by the European Parliament and the Council before entering into force. The agreed text will be available soon.

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

Sustainable Biofuels

The European Court of Auditors published its special report on the European support for sustainable biofuels in transport.

[ECA report](#)

Corporate Sustainability Information

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) launched a consultation on a set of draft Guidelines on Enforcement of Sustainability Information that companies are required to publish under the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive and article 8 of the Taxonomy Regulation. Contributions can be submitted until 15 March. Final guidelines are expected to be released in the third quarter of 2024.

[ESMA consultation page](#)

Decision

EC Decision of 18 December – SHS Stahl-Holding-Saar GmbH & Co KGaA

Steel production

The EC approved a German measure to support Stahl-Holding-Saar GmbH & Co KGaA (“SHS”) in partly decarbonising its steel production processes in Saarland.

[Case information SA.105337](#)

EC Decision of 18 December – Allianz / Tua Assicurazioni

Non-life insurance

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Tua Assicurazioni Spa by Allianz Spa.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 18 December – Temporary Crisis and Transition Framework

Construction of renewable hydrogen electrolyzers and hydrogen storage facilities

The EC approved a German aid scheme to support the production and storage of hydrogen to foster the transition to a net-zero economy.

[Case information SA.108499](#)

EC Decision of 18 December – Electro-intensive companies Germany

Energy and environment forms of tax advantage

The EC approved amendments to two German support schemes for electro-intensive companies in the form of electricity levy reduction.

[Case information SA.103196](#)

EC Decision of 15 December – Rengo / MC / MCT / Sun-Tox Manufacture of plastics in primary forms; manufacture of plastic packing goods

The EC approved the creation of a joint venture by Rengo Co. Ltd. and Mitsui Chemicals Inc.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 15 December – Foxconn EV / ZF / ZF Chassis Modules

Manufacture of motor vehicles; manufacture of parts and accessories for motor vehicles; manufacture of electrical and electronic equipment for motor vehicles

The EC approved the creation of a joint venture by Foxconn EV and ZF Friedrichshafen.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 15 December – Carrier / Viessmann Climate Solutions

Manufacture of metal structures; manufacture of electric domestic appliances; manufacture of non-domestic cooling and ventilation equipment

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Viessmann Climate Solutions and its subsidiaries by Carrier Global Corporation.

[Case information](#)

From the OJEU

Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Advent / Caldic – Case M.10574 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1652](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration TPG / KKR / A-GAS – Case M.11277 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1651](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration TA Associates / Warburg Pincus / EPASSI – Case M.11269 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1650](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Brookfield / Schoeller Allibert – Case M.11325 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1634](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Foxconn EV / ZF / ZF Chassis Modules – Case M.11316 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1633](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration AGI / BNPPF / JV – Case M.11303 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1630](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Allianz / Tua Assicurazioni – Case M.11351 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1618](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration GCA / Stellantis / ALD / Leaseplan – Case M.11119 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1619](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Versalis / Novamont – Case M.11150 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1614](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Caceis / RBC Investor ServiceBank / RBC Offshore Fund Managers / RBC Investor Services Trust Assets – Case M.10978 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1613](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Berry / RPC – Case M.9311 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1605](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration EDP / Masaveu / Abono Generaciones Electricas – Case M.11361 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1602](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Central / Selfridges – Case M.11370 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1601](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Norwegian / Strawberry / Loyaltyco JV – Case M.11289 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1600](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration XXXLutz / Conforama Espana / Conforama Portugal – Case M.11328 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1593](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration SATS / Temasek / PH 243WFS – Case M.10959 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1592](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Smartseller / FNSG / Smartseller FN (JV) – Case M.11306 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1584](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Towerbrook / Team Eiffel – Case M.11353 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1583](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Contemporary Amperex Technology / Aneka Tambang / Feni Haltim / HPAL Joint Venture – Case M.11348 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1587](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Bromia / Raiffeisenbank International / Raiffeisen Continuum Management – Case M.11273 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1586](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Ardian / Dedalus Healthcare Systems – Case M.11377 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1638](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Wendel / IK Partners – Case M.11359 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1637](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration NEOM / DSV / JV – Case M.11400 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1615](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration WT / FEI – Case M.11344 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1607](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Ford / BMW / Honda / JV – Case M.11365 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1606](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration IAG / AIR Europa – Case M.11109 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1582](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration TotalEnergies / Quadra Energy – Case M.11367 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1580](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Verbund / Burgenland Energie / JV – Case M.11336 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1579](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration DIF / EDF / FJORD1 – Case M.11363 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1576](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Eiffage Group / Salvia Holding / Salvia Group – Case M.11346 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1573](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration FS Investments / KKR / Wittur – Case M.11271 has been published.

[Document C/2023/1571](#) – [Case information](#)

Brussels intern

Gigabit Infrastructure Act

Inter-institutional negotiations on the final shape of the law are still ongoing. Negotiators are planning to meet again on 25 January and 5 February in order to solve the remaining divergences on the end of surcharges for intra-EU calls.

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