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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

Heavy-duty Vehicles

Negotiators of the Council, the European Parliament and the European Commission reached a provisional political agreement on the proposal regarding CO2 emission standards for heavy-duty vehicles. The deal now needs to be formally adopted by both the European Parliament and the Council. The agreed text will be available soon.

[EC proposal for a regulation amending Regulation 2019/1242 as regards strengthening the CO2 emission performance standards for new heavy-duty vehicles](#)

Environmental Claims

The European Parliament adopted the text agreed with the Council on the proposed directive on empowering consumers for the green transition, which will amend the Consumer Rights Directive and the Unfair Commercial Practices Directive with the aim to make consumers better informed about the environmental sustainability of products and better protected against greenwashing. In particular, the new rules will improve product labelling and ban the use of misleading environmental claims. The directive now needs to be formally adopted by the Council, then it can be published in the EU Official Journal. Member States will have 24 months to transpose it into national law.

[Directive amending Directives 2005/29/EC and 2011/83/EU as regards empowering consumers for the green transition through better protection against unfair practices and better information](#)

Digital Services Act

The EC sent formal requests for information to 17 of the Very Large Online Platforms and Search Engines (VLOPs and VLOSEs), namely AliExpress, Amazon Store, AppStore, Bing, Booking.com, Facebook, Google Search, Google Play, Google Maps, Google Shopping, Instagram, LinkedIn, Pinterest, Snapchat, TikTok, YouTube and Zalando. They will have to submit the requested information by 09 February.

[EC dedicated page](#)

Trade Remedies

Notice of initiation of an expiry review of the anti-subsidy measures applicable to imports of electric bicycles originating in the People's Republic of China has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Document C/2024/798](#)

Notice of initiation of an expiry review of the anti-dumping measures applicable to imports of electric bicycles originating in the People's Republic of China has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Document C/2024/802](#)

F-Gases Emissions and Ozone Layer

The European Parliament approved the agreements reached with the Council on the final versions of the proposal to further cut emissions from fluorinated gases and on the proposed regulation on substances that deplete the ozone layer. Now the Council needs to formally adopt the texts before their publication in the EU Official Journal.

[Regulation on fluorinated greenhouse gases](#) – [Regulation on substances that deplete the ozone layer](#)

Anti-Money Laundering

Negotiators of the Council and the European Parliament reached a political agreement on the proposal for the first anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT) regulation and the sixth AML/CFT directive. Among other things, the new rules will harmonize tasks and powers for national supervisors and Financial Intelligence Units to enable effective cross-border cooperation and will introduce enhanced due diligence measures for cross-border correspondent relationships for crypto-asset service providers. The deal now needs to be finalized and formally adopted by the European Parliament and the Council. The agreement will be available soon.

[EC proposal for a regulation on the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purposes of money laundering or terrorist financing](#) – [EC proposal for a directive on the mechanisms to be put in place by the Member States for the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purposes of money laundering or terrorist financing and repealing Directive 2015/849](#)

General Data Protection Regulation

The EC is collecting feedback on the application of the General Data Protection Regulation, which could lead to possible follow-up actions. Contributions can be submitted until 08 February.

[EC dedicated page](#)

Data Flows

The EC concluded its review of 11 existing adequacy decisions. Personal data transferred from the EU to Andorra, Argentina, Canada, Faroe Islands, Guernsey, the Isle of Man, Israel, Jersey, New Zealand, Switzerland and Uruguay will continue to benefit from adequate data protection safeguards.

[EC report on the first review of the functioning of the adequacy decisions](#)

REACH

The summary of European Commission Decisions on authorizations for the placing on the market for the use and/or for use of substances listed in Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Document C/2024/581](#)

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 three European Supervisory Authorities (EBA, EIOPA and ESMA) published a first set of final draft technical standards under the Digital Operational Resilience Act, which is aimed at enhancing the digital operational resilience of the EU financial sector.

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Decision

EC Decision of 18 January – Sonae / Musti Group Manufacture of prepared pet foods; retail sale of goods in specialized stores; veterinary activities

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Musti Group Oyj by Sonae SGPS S.A.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 17 January – Online rail ticket distribution in Spain

Passenger rail transport, interurban

The EC accepted modified commitments from Renfe to restore competition in online rail ticketing market.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 17 January – ÖBB / Go-Ahead Temporary employment agency activities; urban and suburban passenger land transport

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Go-Ahead Verkehrsgesellschaft Deutschland GmbH by ÖBB-Personenverkehr AG.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 17 January – Elia / Glentra / EnergyRe / EnergyRe Giga Projects USA Production of electricity; transmission of electricity

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of EnergyRe Giga-Projects USA Holdings LLC by Elia Group SA/NV, Glentra Capital P/S and EnergyRe Holdings LLC.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 16 January – NEOM / DSV / JV Cargo handling; service activities incidental to land transportation; warehousing and storage

The EC approved the creation of a joint venture by NEOM Company and DSV Solutions Holding A/S.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 15 January – WT / FEI Wholesale of electronic and telecommunications equipment and parts

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Future Electronics Inc. (“FEI”) by WT Microelectronics Co. Ltd. (“WT”).

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 15 January – Ford / BMW / Honda / JV Data processing, hosting and related activities

The EC approved the creation of a joint venture by Ford Motor Company (“Ford”), Bayerische Motoren Werke Aktiengesellschaft (“BMW”) and Honda Motor Co. Ltd. (“Honda”).

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 12 January – TotalEnergies / Quadra Energy Trade of electricity

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Quadra Energy by TotalEnergies.

[Case information](#)

From the OJEU

Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Deutsche Telekom / Orange / Telefonica / Vodafone / JV – Case M.10815 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1023](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration TotalEnergies / Quadra Energy – Case M.11367 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1008](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration DIF / EDF / FJORD1 – Case M.11363 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1003](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Alcentra / People & Baby – Case M.11401 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1001](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration JD Sports / Marketing Investment Group – Case M.11244 has been published.

[Document C/2024/991](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Verbund / Burgenland Energie / JV – Case M.11336 has been published.

[Document C/2024/988](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration MHI / Melco / JV – Case M.11310 has been published.

[Document C/2024/987](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration FS Investments / KKR / Wittur – Case M.11271 has been published.

[Document C/2024/994](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Meridiam / MGETS Fund / Verkor – Case M.11293 has been published.

[Document C/2024/993](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration LGC / Toray Industries Hungary – Case M.10598 has been published.

[Document C/2024/896](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration EPEI / Casino – Case M.11319 has been published.

[Document C/2024/852](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Buckland / HY24 Investor / ICE – Case M.11374 has been published.

[Document C/2024/823](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration CMA CGM / Bollore Logistics – Case M.11143 has been published.

[Document C/2024/997](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration PG / Velvet Care – Case M.11404 has been published.

[Document C/2024/839](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration PSP / Macquarie / ART / LSSA / LSWA – Case M.11332 has been published.

[Document C/2024/838](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Pirelli / PIF / JV – Case M.11396 has been published.

[Document C/2024/837](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Baosteel / Mitsui / JV – Case M.11338 has been published.

[Document C/2024/831](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration TA Associates / Warburg Pincus / Exercite Group – Case M.11369 has been published.

[Document C/2024/830](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Five Arrows / TA Associates / AGILIO – Case M.11366 has been published.

[Document C/2024/829](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Terna / Mauro Migliazzi / DXT / WESII – Case M.11152 has been published.

[Document C/2024/828](#) – [Case information](#)

Brussels intern

European Green Claims

The European Parliament is expected to adopt its position on the proposal for a directive on green claims which will address greenwashing and misleading environmental claims in March.

Automotive – EU Vehicle Approval Legislation

The European Commission is working on its initiative on the type-approval templates for certain motor vehicle safety systems, in particular with regard to their intelligent speed assistance system, driver drowsiness and attention warning system, event data recorder and advanced driver distraction warning system. The adoption is planned for the second quarter of the year.

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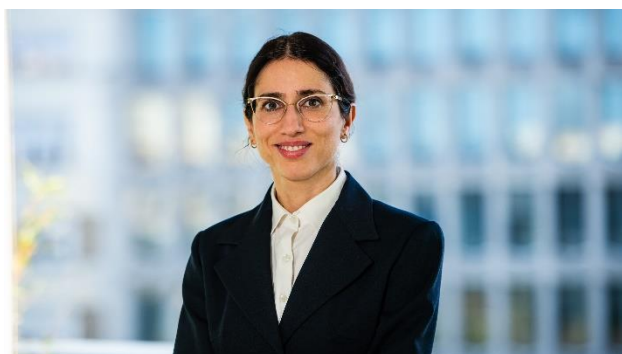
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