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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

## Digital Markets Act

The EC closed the market investigations that were launched last September under the DMA. The European executive found that Apple and Microsoft should not be designated as gatekeepers for the following core platform services: Apple's iMessage; Microsoft's Bing, Microsoft Edge and Microsoft Advertising. However, the Commission will continue to monitor these services in case substantial changes arise.

[EC dedicated page](#)

## Artificial Intelligence Act

The responsible Committees of the European Parliament adopted the compromised text reached on the Artificial Intelligence Act. The plenary is expected to confirm it during the session in mid-March or at the latest mid-April. Then the Council will have to officially endorse the deal.

[Provisional agreement](#)

## Vehicle Safety

The EC is collecting feedback on its draft implementing regulation on type approval templates for vehicle safety systems. Contributions can be submitted until 14 March. Adoption by the Commission is planned for second quarter of the year.

[EC dedicated page](#)

## Road Transport Weights and Dimensions Rules

The responsible Committee at the European Parliament adopted its position on the proposed revision of the rules on the weights and dimensions limits applied to trucks and buses involved in international road transport. The report now needs to be endorsed by the Parliament in plenary. Intern-institutional negotiations on the final shape of the law will then start. The text of the report will be available soon.

[EC proposal for a directive amending Directive 96/53/EC laying down for certain road vehicles circulating within the Community the maximum authorized dimensions in national and international traffic and the maximum authorized weights in international traffic](#)

## Right to Repair

EU Member States' ambassadors at the Council (Coreper) endorsed the provisional agreement reached by the negotiators on the proposed right to repair defective products directive. The responsible Committee at the European Parliament is expected to vote on the provisional agreement on 22 February. The text of the final compromise will be available soon.

[EC proposal for a directive on common rules promoting the repair of goods](#)

## Textiles and Food Waste

The Environment Committee of the European Parliament adopted its position on the proposed revision of the Waste Framework Directive, which will set up extended producer responsibility schemes. The report is expected to be endorsed by the Parliament in plenary in March. Inter-institutional negotiations on the final version of the law will then start. The adopted text will be available soon.

[EC proposal for a Directive amending Directive 2008/98/EC on waste](#)

## Green Claims Directive

The responsible Committees at the European Parliament adopted their position on the so-called Green Claims Directive, which will establish how firms can validate their environmental marketing claims. The report needs to be confirmed by the European Parliament at an upcoming plenary session. Inter-institutional negotiations on the final shape of the law will then start. The adopted text will be available soon.

[EC proposal for a Directive on substantiation and communication of explicit environmental claims](#)

## Russian Public Assets

The Council adopted the provisions which will clarify the obligations of central securities depositories holding assets and reserves of the Central Bank of Russia that are immobilized following the application of the EU's restrictive measures.

[Dedicated page](#)

## Trade Remedies

Notice of initiation of an anti-dumping proceeding concerning imports of glass fibre yarns ("GFY") originating in the People's Republic of China has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Document C/2024/1484](#)

Notice of initiation of an anti-subsidy proceeding concerning imports of certain aluminium road wheels, originating in Morocco has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Document C/2024/1483](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation of 12 February 2024 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain tiles originating in the People's Republic of China following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1036 of the European Parliament and of the Council has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2024/493](#)

Commission Implementing Decision of 8 February 2024 concerning the implementation of the judgment of the Court of Justice of the EU C-461/18 P and the judgment of the General Court of the EU T-442/12 in relation to Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 626/2012 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 349/2012 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of tartaric acid originating in the People's Republic of China has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2024/462](#)

## Food Safety

The EC is collecting feedback on its draft regulation which will impose a ban on the use of BPA in food contact materials, including plastic and coated packaging. Contributions can be submitted until 08 March.

[EC dedicated page](#)

## Safety of Toys

The Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee of the European Parliament approved its position on the proposal to update the current EU rules on toy safety. The new rules will provide for manufacturers to create digital product passports for each toy. The report will have to be endorsed by the Parliament in plenary. Inter-institutional negotiations with the Council on the final shape of the law will then start. The adopted report will be available soon.

[EC proposal for a Regulation on the safety of toys](#)

## 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

## EU Competitiveness

The EC published its annual Single Market and Competitiveness Report, which contains data on the integration of the single market and on key performance indicators for competitiveness.

[EC dedicated page](#)

## Financial Markets

The European Securities and Markets Authority issued a statement clarifying certain provisions concerning market participants' reporting requirements under RTS28, pending full application of the MiFID II.

[ESMA dedicated page](#)

# Decision

## EC Decision of 15 February – IPCEI Hy2Infra Renewable hydrogen

The EC approved a third Important Project of Common European Interest ("IPCEI") to support hydrogen infrastructure. The project, called IPCEI Hy2Infra, was notified by seven Member States: France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal and Slovakia.

[EC press release](#)

## **EC Decision of 13 February – Bilfinger / Stork Europe Installation of industrial machinery and equipment**

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of several entities of Stork active mainly in Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands (“Stork Europe”) by Bilfinger SE (“Bilfinger”).

[Case information](#)

## **EC Decision of 12 February – SPIE / ROBUR Repair of electrical equipment; repair of machinery**

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of ROBUR Industry Service Group GmbH by SPIE SA.

[Case information](#)

## **EC Decision of 12 February – PGGM / Eurazeo / Electra Service activities incidental to land transportation**

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Electra SAS by PGGM Vermogensbeheer B.V. (“PGGM”) and Eurazeo Infrastructure.

[Case information](#)

## **EC Decision of 12 February – Korean Air Lines / Asiana Airlines**

### **Passenger air transport; freight air transport**

The EC approved the proposed acquisition of Asiana Airlines Inc. (“Asiana”) by Korean Air Lines Co. Ltd., subject to conditions.

[Case information](#)

# **From the OJEU**

## **Non-opposition to concentrations**

Non-opposition to the notified concentration ERG / Apex / Project Pinnacle I – Case M.11444 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1601](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Telefonica Brasil / Auren Comercializadora / JV – Case M.11449 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1600](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Dachser / Frigoscandia – Case M.11452 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1562](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Skion / Bitburger / Avista Oil – Case M.11414 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1486](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Aurelius / Dayco's Propulsion Solutions – Case M.11427 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1482](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Silver Lake / DigitalBridge / Vantage Na Data Center Assets – Case M.11434 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1479](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration MC / DTHAG / MMC / JV – Case M.11424 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1475](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Gharage / Dufry International / JET Central Core / Duffle (JV) – Case M.11294 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1463](#) – [Case information](#)

## Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Permira / Blackstone / Adevinta – Case M.11385 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1627](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration OEP HITCH / EMC / CBM – Case M.11317 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1614](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Rheinmetall / KNDS / UAB Lithuania Defense Services JV – Case M.11390 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1612](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration CVC / EMMA / Packeta – Case M.11441 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1606](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Swiss Life / DigitalBridge / Infrabridge Investor Nile – Case M.11464 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1605](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration LGP / HG / IRIS – Case M.11455 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1604](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Bain Capital / Eleda Group – Case M.11437 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1603](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Cinven / Barentz – Case M.11459 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1602](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration ACES / Prezero / Enagas Renewable / Prezero Biometano – Case M.11331 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1598](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration CISCO / SPLUNK – Case M.11320 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1597](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration INEOS / Certain Assets of Totalenergies – Case M.11247 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1596](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Blackstone / Vista / Adapt2 – Case M.11420 has been published.

[Document C/2024/1491](#) – [Case information](#)

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### Climate Resilience

On 12 March the European Commission is expected to present its plan on water resilience and climate risks adaptation.

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