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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

The European Parliament adopted the text of the agreement reached by the negotiators of the European Parliament, the Council and the European Commission on the proposal which will review Regulation 2019/1242 on CO2 emission standards for new heavy-duty vehicles in the EU. As part of the new rules, the Commission will have to produce an assessment methodology for the full lifecycle emissions of new heavy-duty vehicles. The Council now needs to formally approve the agreement before it can enter into force.

[Regulation as regards strengthening the CO2 emission performance standards for new heavy-duty vehicles](#)

Sustainability Reporting Standards

The European Parliament approved the provisional agreement reached with the Council on the proposal to delay the adoption of all sector-specific sustainability reporting standards (ESRS) for EU companies and general ESRS for non-EU companies. Next step is the adoption of the text by the Council.

[Decision amending Directive 2013/34/EU as regards the time limits for the adoption of sustainability reporting standards](#)

Industrial Emissions

The Council officially adopted the agreement reached with the European Parliament on the revised directive on industrial emissions and the regulation on the establishment of an industrial emissions portal. The directive and the regulation will soon be published in the EU Official Journal.

[Directive on industrial emissions – Regulation on reporting of environmental data from industrial installations](#)

Carbon Removals

The European Parliament adopted the agreement reached by the negotiators on the proposal for a Union certification framework for carbon removals. The framework is a voluntary tool which will certify three types of carbon removal activity. The text now has to be adopted by the Council, then it can be published in the EU Official Journal.

[Union certification framework for carbon removals](#)

Energy Performance of Buildings

The Council formally adopted the revised directive on the energy performance of buildings, which will be published in the EU Official Journal in the coming weeks. Member States will then have two years to transpose the new rules into their national legislation.

[Directive on the energy performance of buildings](#)

Pharmaceutical Legislation

The European Parliament adopted its position on the package to renew the E pharmaceutical legislation. The package consists of a new directive and a regulation. Inter-institutional negotiations with the Council and the European Commission on the final shape of the law will start after the European elections.

[EP legislative resolution on the proposal for a directive on the Union code relating to medicinal products](#) – [EP legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation laying down Union procedures for the authorization and supervision of medicinal products for human use](#)

Foreign Subsidies

The EC announced a new investigation into Chinese suppliers of wind turbines in Spain, Greece, France, Romania and Bulgaria.

China – State Distortions in Economy

The EC published a report on significant state-induced distortions in the economy of the People's Republic of China. The document is an update of the 2017 report and provides factual information for ongoing and future antidumping investigations. Compared to the previous text, green and high-tech sectors have been added to the list.

[EC report](#)

Sanctions

The Council officially adopted the directive on the definition of criminal offences and penalties for the violation of Union restrictive measures and the directive on asset recovery and confiscation, which will set out European minimum rules on the tracing, identification, freezing, confiscation and management of criminal property. The two legal texts will soon be published in the EU Official Journal and will enter into force on the twentieth day following their publication.

[Directive on the definition of criminal offences and penalties](#) – [Directive on asset recovery and confiscation](#)

Trade – Ukraine

Negotiators of the European Parliament and the Council reached an agreement on the renewal of trade liberalization measures with Ukraine, the so-called Autonomous Trade Measures initially introduced in 2022. The suspension of import duties and quotas on Ukrainian exports to the EU will last until 5 June 2025. The deal now needs to be formally adopted by both the European Parliament and the Council. The text of the agreement will be available soon.

[EC proposal](#)

Trade Remedies

Commission Implementing Regulation of 9 April imposing a provisional anti-dumping duty on imports of certain alkyl phosphate esters originating in the People's Republic of China has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Commission Implementing Regulation 2024/1064](#)

Notice of initiation of an expiry review of the anti-dumping measures applicable to imports of certain tubes and pipes fittings, originating in the Federation of Russia, the Republic of Korea and Malaysia has been published in the EU Official Journal.

[Document C/2024/2500](#)

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

State Aid Scoreboard

The EC published the 2023 State aid Scoreboard relating to the State aid expenditure in 2022.

[State Aid Scoreboard](#)

Data Protection

The European Data Protection Supervisor released the annual report for the year 2023 which summarises key actions in the areas such as enforcement, technology and privacy.

[Annual Report](#)

Decision

EC Decision of 11 April – Illumina / GRAIL (Restorative measures under Article 8(4)a)

Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and preparations

The EC approved the divestment plan submitted by Illumina for the disposal of GRAIL.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 10 April – German State Aid Scheme Renewable energy

The EC approved a German scheme to support the decarbonisation of industrial processes to foster the transition to a net-zero economy.

[Case information SA.108729](#)

EC Decision of 05 April – SKG / WestRock Manufacture of corrugated paper and paperboard; manufacture of articles of paper

The EC approved the merger between Smurfit Kappa Group plc (“SKG”) and WestRock Company.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 05 April – CD & R / Stone Point / Truist Insurance Holdings Activities of insurance agents and brokers

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Truist Insurance Holdings LLC by Clayton, Dubilier & Rice, and Stone Point Capital LLC.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 05 April – Generali / GSD / GK Holding / JV Insurance; human health activities

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Smart Clinic Srl by Generali Italia Spa, Gruppo San Donato Spa (“GSD”) and GK Holding Italia Srl.

[Case information](#)

From the OJEU

Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration EQT Future / AM Fresh / SNFL / IFG – Case M.10783 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2691](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration OMERS / ABP / KENTER – Case M.11233 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2688](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Glencore / Teck (Coal Assets) – Case M.11392 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2650](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Tönnies Holding / Certain Vion Businesses – Case M.11446 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2649](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Silver Lake / Australiansuper / Digitalbridge / Vantage EMEA – Case M.11465 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2562](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration ADNOC / Fertigllobe – Case M.11443 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2561](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration TA Associates / SSCP / Macquarie / Byggfakta Group – Case M.11466 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2535](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration CIP / MIESCOR / PHPL / PHC – Case M.11497 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2524](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration SFH / Existing Shareholders / Argal – Case M.11378 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2507](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Equinor / Shell / TotalEnergies / JV – Case M.11166 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2648](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration CommerzBank Immobilien / ACH / ACI – Case M.11453 has been published.

[Document C/2024/2563](#) – [Case information](#)

Brussels intern

State Aid

The European Commission is consulting Member States on a draft proposal to prolong for a limited period the State aid Temporary Crisis and Transition Framework with the goal to allow continued support for the agricultural sector in view of the persisting market disturbances.

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