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LAW

■ E-commerce

The EC published new guidance on the Regulation on addressing unjustified geo-blocking and other forms of discrimination based on customers' nationality, place of residence or place of establishment within the internal market. The guidance is addressed to responsible authorities, businesses and consumers and aims to facilitate the adaptation to the new rules. The regulation entered into force last March and it will start applying on 3 December 2018. Within two years after its entry into force, the Commission will carry out a first evaluation of the new rules and an assessment of the scope, since there is the possibility of an extension of its application to certain electronically supplied services which offer copyright-protected content. This guidance is part of the Commission's efforts to boost e-commerce.

[Q&A on the Regulation](#)

■ World Trade Organisation

The EC presented its comprehensive approach for the modernisation of the WTO. Basically, the European executive is proposing to update the international trade rules, strengthening the monitoring function of the organisation.

[EC concept paper](#)

■ 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 published two reports on EU banks' funding plans and asset encumbrance respectively.

[Report on Funding Plans](#) – [Report on Asset Encumbrance](#)

■ Energy Regulators

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators published its Work Programme for 2019.

[ACER Work Programme](#)

■ Energy Consultation

The Council of European Energy Regulators opened a public consultation on the draft Guide on Bundled Products. Contributions can be submitted until 14 November.

[CEER consultation page](#)

■ Connecting Europe and Asia

The EC presented a new and comprehensive strategy to better connect Europe and Asia through physical and non-physical networks, such as transport links, energy and digital networks and connectivity partnerships. The Commission's communication will now be discussed by the Council and the European Parliament.

[Communication "Connecting Europe and Asia"](#)

DECISIONS

EC Decision of 20 September – Goldman Sachs / ORIX / ILS

■ Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control over ILS by Goldman Sachs and ORIX Kabushiki Kaisha ("ORIX").

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 18 September – Alleged aid to McDonald's – Luxembourg

■ Real estate activities

The EC found that the double non-taxation of certain profits of McDonald's in Luxembourg did not lead to illegal state aid.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 18 September – PSPIB / BCI / Island Timberlands

■ Forestry and logging

The EC approved the acquisition of Island Timberlands Limited Partnership ("ITLP") by British Columbia Investment Management Corporation ("BCI") and Public Sector Pension Investment Board ("PSP").

[Case information](#)

EC Investigation – Car Emissions

■ Manufacture of motor vehicles

The EC opened formal investigation into possible collusion between BMW, Daimler and VW on the development and deployment of technologies to clean the emissions of petrol and diesel passenger cars.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 17 September – ABRY Partners / Link

■ Data processing, hosting and related activities; other telecommunications activities

The EC approved the acquisition of Link Mobility Group ASA by Abry Partners II LLC.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 14 September – KKR / BMC Software

■ Computer programming, consultancy and related activities

The EC approved the acquisition of Boxer Parent Company Inc. by KKR & Co. Inc. ("KKR").

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 14 September – Kuwait Investment Authority / North Sea Midstream Partners

■ Support activities for petroleum and natural gas extraction

The EC approved the acquisition of North Sea Midstream Partners Limited by the Kuwait Investment Authority.

[Case information](#)

FROM THE OJEU

■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Abry Partners / Link – Case M.9024 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 338/03](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Kuwait Investment Authority / North Sea Midstream Partners – Case M.9069 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 338/02](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Ivanhoe Cambridge / PSPIB / VGMV LP JV – Case M.9078 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 332/04](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Charlesbank / Partners Group / H-Food Holdings – Case M.9035 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 332/02](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Advent International Corporation / GE (Distributed Power Business) – Case M.9036 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 332/01](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration FMC / DuPont Divestment Business – Case M.8435 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 327/03](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Keolis / Amey / W&B Rail Franchise – Case M.9042 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 327/02](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Liberty Global / Ziggo – Case M.7000 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 327/01](#) – [Case information](#)

■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Carlyle / Investindustrial / B&B Italia / Louis Poulsen / Flos – Case M.9102 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 338/15](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration The Walt Disney Company / Twenty-First Century Fox – Case M.8785 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 338/14](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Microsoft / GitHub – Case M.8994 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 338/13](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration CVC / Messer Group / Divestment Business – Case M.9059 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 335/14](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Broadcom / CA – Case M.9054 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 335/13](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration 3i / Arbejds-markedets Tillaegspension / Tampnet – Case M.9086 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 332/08](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration The Carlyle Group / NEP Group – Case M.9107 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 329/06](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration PAI Partners / Asmodee – Case M.9073 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 329/05](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Exxon Mobil / Qatar Petroleum / Exxon Mobil Exploration Argentina / Mobil Argentina – Case M.9101 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 329/04](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Taiyo Nippon Sanso / Praxair EEA Business – Case M.9046 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 329/03](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Mars / AniCura – Case M.9019 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 327/11](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Cinven / Generali Lebensversicherung – Case M.9081 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 327/10](#) – [Case information](#)

■ Withdrawal of notification of concentrations

The withdrawal of the notification of the concentration Norsk Hydro / Rio Tinto Assets – Case M.8854 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 332/03](#) – [Case information](#)

BRUSSELS INTERN

■ Consumer Enforcement Action - Airbnb

Airbnb committed to complying with the request of the European Commission and EU consumer authorities, making the necessary changes to their terms and conditions and improving the presentation of their prices in order to be in line with the EU framework. The company is expected to finalise its proposals and to implement the changes in all EU/European Economic Area language versions by the end of the year. In the case of non-compliance, consumer authorities could decide to resort to enforcement measures.

[Common position of national authorities within the CPC Network](#)

■ Privacy and Electronic Communications

The Council Working Party on Telecommunications will discuss on 27 September the Presidency text on the proposal for a regulation concerning the respect for private life and the protection of personal data in electronic communications, which repeals Directive 2002/58/EC. Negotiations with the European Parliament will start as soon as Member States agrees on a common position. The intention of the EU institutions is to have the new regulation adopted by the end of the year.

[Presidency revised text](#)

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