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LAW

■ Goods Package

The Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO) of the EP voted on its reports on Compliance and Enforcement Regulation and on the Mutual recognition of goods. The two proposals are part of the so-called Goods Package presented by the Commission in December 2017 in order to strengthen the single market for goods.

Main elements of the two proposals are cooperation among market surveillance authorities, market surveillance of products sold online, mutual recognition, reference person and contact point for non-EU companies.

The IMCO committee also gave the rapporteurs a mandate, which will have to be confirmed by the plenary, to start negotiations with the Council in order to reach an agreement on the final texts. EU Member States reached a general approach on the mutual recognition proposal last May, but examination of the compliance and enforcement regulation proposal is still on-going within the Council Working Party on technical harmonisation.

[Draft report on Compliance and Enforcement Regulation – Draft report on the Mutual recognition of goods](#)

■ EU-US Trade

The EC asked the Council for a mandate to discuss with the US the review of the functioning of an existing quota to import hormone-free beef into the EU. The proposal will now have to be approved by EU Member States.

[EC Recommendation](#)

■ Solar Panels

The EC decided to eliminate anti-dumping and anti-subsidy measures on Chinese solar panels. The EU first imposed trade defence measures in December 2013, then they were renewed in March 2017.

[EC dedicated page](#)

■ EU-Japan Data Flows

The EC launched the procedure for the adoption of its adequacy decision on Japan. This arrangement will allow personal data to be transferred safely between the EU and Japan. The Commission will adopt the decision only after the positive opinions of the European Data Protection Board and the committee composed of representatives of EU Member States.

[EC Implementing Decision](#)

■ 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

■ Solvency II

The European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority published the technical information on the symmetric adjustment of the equity capital charge for Solvency II with reference to the end of August.

[EIOPA dedicated page](#)

The Authority also published technical information on the information on the relevant risk free interest rate term structures (RFR).

[EIOPA dedicated page](#)

■ Banking

The three European Supervisory Authorities (EBA, EIOPA and ESMA) published the results of their monitoring exercise on automation in financial advice.

[Joint Committee Report](#)

■ Gas Booking Platform

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators published its evaluation of responses to the consultation on the decision for the selection of a gas booking platform on the German-Polish border.

[ACER Evaluation](#)

DECISIONS

EC Decision of 06 September – Apple / Shazam

■ Information technology and computer service activities

The EC approved the proposed acquisition of Shazam by Apple.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 06 September – IFF / Frutarom

■ Manufacture of other food products n.e.c.

The EC approved the acquisition of Frutarom Industries Ltd. by International Flavors & Fragrances Inc. (“IFF”).

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 05 September – JAB / Pret a Manger

■ Food and beverage service activities

The EC approved the acquisition of PAM Group Limited (“Pret A Manger”) by JAB Holdings B.V., controlled by JAB Holding Company S.a.r.l. (“JAB”).

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 20 June – Aid to Engie

■ Tax advantage

The EC published the non-confidential version of the final decision of last June on the illegal tax benefits to Engie by Luxembourg.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 31 August – Spigas / Canarbino / Miogas

■ Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control over Mio-gas by Spigas and Canarbino.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 31 August – ZF / Magura / BFO / BMZ / JV

■ Manufacture of parts and accessories for motor vehicles

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control over Sachs Micro Mobility GmbH by ZF Friedrichshafen GmbH, Gustav Magenwirth GmbH & Co. KG (“Magura”), Brake Force One

GmbH (“BFO”) and BMZ Batterien-Montage-Zentrum GmbH (“BMZ”).

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 31 August – Hutchison / Wind Tre

■ Telecommunications

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Wind Tre by Hutchison, subject to conditions.

[Case information](#)

FROM THE OJEU

■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration GBT / HRG – Case M.8862 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 315/02](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration AXA / XL Group – Case M.8908 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 315/01](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration ZF / Magura / BFO / BMZ / JV – Case M.9043 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 314/03](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration SL04 / Ambienta Sgr / JV – Case M.9004 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 314/02](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Hisense / Gorenje – Case M.8976 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 314/01](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Bain Capital / Reifen Krieg Group – Case M.9000 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 312/01](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration JERA Trading / LNG Optimisation – Case M.8879 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 310/04](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration EIH / Krone-Mur / Primavia – Case M.8986 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 310/03](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Fosun International / FFT – Case M.9027 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 310/02](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Sheares Healthcare / TPG Growth / AHH – Case M.9051 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 310/01](#) – [Case information](#)

■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration STEAG / Siemens / JV STEAG GuD – Case M.8952 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 315/13](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Kirim / Mitsui / Thorne – Case M.9052 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 315/12](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Boeing / KLX – Case M.8985 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 314/12](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Goldman Sachs / Orix / ILS – Case M.9098 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 313/02](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration PSPIB / BCI / Island Timberlands – Case M.9090 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 312/03](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration EQT Fund Management / Azelis – Case M.9034 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 310/08](#) – [Case information](#)

■ Copyright

The European Parliament will vote on the report on the proposal for a Directive on Copyright in the Digital Single Market on 12 September. Last July the plenary rejected the decision to enter into inter-institutional negotiations with the Council, which adopted its general approach in May. Stakeholders and academics are strongly divided on the proposal, mainly on the creation of a new right that would allow press publishers to claim remuneration for the online use of their publications. If the lawmakers adopt the text, the file will then go back to the Council for a final decision.

■ Internal Market in Electricity

On 11 September there will be the second trilogue on the proposals for a Directive on common rules for the internal market in electricity and for a Regulation. Both are parts of the Clean Energy for all Europeans Package, presented by the Commission in November 2016. In preparation of this meeting, the Council released the so-called fourth-column documents which contain the Presidency's compromise proposals. The first informal inter-institutional meeting took place in June and a broad mandate was given to the experts to identify and make progress on different areas of the proposals.

[Proposal for a Regulation](#) – [Proposal for a Directive](#)

■ State Aid and Electricity Market

The European Commission declared that the German safeguard clause on its decision of 7 February on the aid scheme was a mistake and soon it will be corrected.

[EC decision on the aid scheme](#)

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