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## LAW

### ■ Single-Use Plastics

The Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety of the European Parliament voted on its report on the proposal for a directive on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment. The proposal, which was presented by the European Commission last May, would introduce a series of measures for the prevention and management of waste in relation to some single-use plastics. The lawmakers widened the scope of the directive targeting also takeaway packaging, bottles and cigarette butts. The vote in plenary is scheduled for 23 October.

In the Council the proposal is currently being considered at working party level.

[EP report](#) – [Presidency compromise text](#) – [EC proposal](#)

### ■ EU-Singapore Trade and Investment Agreements

EU Member States authorised the signature and conclusion of the trade and investment agreements between the EU and Singapore. After the signature, the European Parliament will have to vote on the two agreements. Once approved by the lawmakers, they will enter into force.

[EC dedicated page](#)

### ■ EU-Vietnam Trade and Investment Agreements

The EC adopted the EU-Vietnam trade and investment agreements. Next step is the signature by the Council and the consent of the European Parliament.

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### ■ Online Platforms

Representatives of online platforms (Facebook, Google, Mozilla, Twitter) and the advertising industry presented to the EU Commissioner for Digital Economy individual

roadmaps which outline concrete actions to implement the Code of Practice to fight online disinformation, which was adopted last September. The Commission will assess the implementation of the code by the end of the year.

[Roadmaps](#) – [Code of Practice](#)

### ■ 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

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### ■ Competition – Public Export Subsidies

The EC published a roadmap on the extension for two years of the European rules on government support for export insurance, which set criteria under which Member States can provide financial support to buyers of exports from their country, in the form of short-term credit insurance. With this exercise, the Commission aims to inform stakeholders about its work and invite them to participate providing feedback by 14 November. The Commission will then consider the input received and publish a synopsis report.

[EC dedicated page](#)

### ■ Security of Supply

The Council of European Energy Regulators published its Status Review on the application of the supply standard foreseen in the Security of Supply Regulation.

[CEER Status Review](#)

### ■ Climate Change

The EC and a group of investors signed a Memorandum of Understanding to establish Breakthrough Energy Europe (BEE), a joint investment fund to help innovative European companies develop new clean energy technologies. Breakthrough Energy Europe is expected to be operational in 2019.

## DECISIONS

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### EC Decision of 17 October – ORIX Aviation Systems / Bohai / Avolon

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#### ■ Renting and leasing of air transport equipment

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control by ORIX Aviation Systems (“OAS”) and Bohai over Avolon.

[Case information](#)

### EC Decision of 17 October – The Carlyle Group / NEP Group

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#### ■ Motion picture, video and television programme

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of NEP Group Inc. (“NEP”) by the Carlyle Group LP.

[Case information](#)

### EC Decision of 17 October – Aid to Apple

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#### ■ Tax base reduction

The EC decided to withdraw its Court action against Ireland, since the country confirmed the full recovery of the illegal state aid granted to Apple.

[Case information](#)

### EC Decision of 16 October – Huaxin / Juniper / JV

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#### ■ Telecommunications activities

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control over the newly created joint venture Shanghai Huaxin Juniper Networks Co. Ltd by China Huaxin Post and Telecom Technologies Co. Ltd and Juniper Networks International B.V.

[Case information](#)

## **EC Decision of 16 October – Taiyo Nippon Sanso / Praxair EEA Business**

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### **■ Manufacture of industrial gases**

The EC approved the acquisition by Taiyo Nippon Sanso Corporation (“TNSC”) of the Praxair EEA Business.

[Case information](#)

## **EC Decision of 15 October – OMERS / BCI / AIMCo / PGGM / CPPIB / Puget Holdings**

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### **■ Manufacture of gas, distribution of gaseous fuels; production of electricity**

The EC approved the proposed acquisition of joint control over Puget Holdings LLC by OMERS Administration Corporation, British Columbia Investment Management Corporation (“BCI”), Alberta Investment Management Corporation (“AIMCo”), Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (“CPPIB”) and PGGM Vermogensbeheer B.V. (“PGGM”).

[Case information](#)

## **EC Decision of 12 October – 3i / Arbejdsmarkedets Tillaegspension / Tampnet**

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### **■ Telecommunications**

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control over Brent Holding AS (“Tampnet”) by 3i Group plc and Arbejdsmarkedets Tillaegspension (“ATP”).

[Case information](#)

## **FROM THE OJEU**

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### **■ Non-opposition to concentrations**

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Bain Capital / Italmatch Chemicals – Case M.9037 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 378/02](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Hutchison / Wind Tre – Case M.9041 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 378/01](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Prysmian / General Cable – Case M.8770 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 376/03](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Lenovo I/ Fujitsu / FCCL – Case M.8765 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 376/02](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration ACS / Hochtief / Atlantia / Abertis Infraestructuras – Case M.8894 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 375/01](#) – [Case information](#)

## **EC Decision of 12 October – Hellman & Friedman / Concardis Payment Group**

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### **■ Financial service activities; other activities auxiliary to financial services**

The EC approved the acquisition of Concardis Payment Group GmbH (“Concardis”) by Hellman & Friedman LLC.

[Case information](#)

## **EC Decision of 12 October – Broadcom / CA**

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### **■ Manufacture of electronic components; software publishing**

The EC approved the acquisition by Broadcom Inc. of CA Inc., both of the US.

[Case information](#)

## **EC Decision of 12 October – Bain Capital Private Equity / Esure Group**

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### **■ Insurance**

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control over the Esure Group plc (“Esure”) by Bain Capital Private Equity, LP and its affiliates (“Bain Capital”).

[Case information](#)

### **■ Prior notification of concentrations**

Prior notification of the concentration Michael Kors / Gianni Versace – Case M.9144 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 378/06](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Hammerson / M&G / Highcross – Case M.9050 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 376/07](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Klio / Bertelsmann / Holtzbrinck / Skoobe – Case M.9125 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 375/06](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Nidec / Whirlpool (Embraco Business) – Case M.8947 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 374/06](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Suzano Papel e Celulose / Fibria Celulose – Case M.8951 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 374/05 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration SNAM / SGI / Sardinia Newco – Case M.9091 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 372/04 – Case information](#)

## BRUSSELS INTERN

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### ■ ■ Competition in Air Transport

On 17 October negotiators of the European Parliament, Council and European Commission met for the third trilogue on the proposal for a regulation on safeguarding competition in air transport, repealing Regulation 868/2004 concerning protection against subsidisation and unfair pricing practices. The Commission presented its legislative proposal in June 2017.

[Four-column table – Presidency compromise proposals](#)

### ■ Energy Union

A second informal trilogue on the proposal for a regulation establishing a European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators is scheduled for 23 October.

[Four-column table](#)

### ■ ■ Data in Connected Cars

The EC is expected to launch by the end of the month a public consultation on the so-called in-vehicle data. A recommendation on this issue shall be presented by the Commission at the beginning of next year.

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