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LAW

■ Single-Use Plastics

The Committee of Permanent Representatives of the Council agreed on the Council's position on a proposal for a directive on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment. The EP in plenary adopted its report at the end of October; therefore, inter-institutional negotiations can now start. A first trilogue meeting will take place on 6 November.

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

■ Tariff Rate Quotas for EU27

The Committee of Permanent Representatives of the Council agreed on the draft schedule of tariff rate quotas for agricultural, fish and industrial goods that the EU will apply after the UK's withdrawal from the Union. The schedule needs now to be agreed with the European Parliament.

[Presidency compromise proposal](#)

■ Banking Union - Non-performing Loans

The Committee of Permanent Representatives of the Council approved the Member States' position on capital requirements for banks with non-performing loans on their balance sheets. Inter-institutional negotiations with the European Parliament will start as soon as the latter has agreed its stance. The European Commission presented its proposal last March, with the aim to create a prudential framework for banks.

The adopted text will be available soon.

■ Bank Recovery and Resolution

The EC adopted the Implementing Regulation on the procedures and standard forms and templates for the provision of information for the purposes of resolution plans for credit institutions and investment firms, repealing Regulation 2016/1066. The reporting requirements will apply as of 31 December.

[EC Implementing Regulation – Annex I – Annex II – Annex III – Annex IV](#)

■ 2019 Combined Nomenclature

The EC published the latest version of the Combined Nomenclature, which will be applicable as from 1 January 2019.

[Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/1602](#)

■ 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

■ Trade Report

The EC published its second annual report on the implementation of the EU free trade agreements. These agreements cover nearly 70 markets all over the world.

[EC Trade Report – Annex](#)

■ Supervisory Reporting

The European Banking Authority launched a consultation on the new draft version of Data Point Model 2.9 for supervisory reporting. Contributions can be submitted until 7 December.

[EBA dedicated page](#)

■ External Credit Assessment Institutions

The Joint Committee of the three European Supervisory Authorities (EBA, EIOPA and ESMA) launched a public consultation to amend the Implementing Regulations on the mapping of credit assessments of External Credit Assessment Institutions (ECAIs) for credit risk. Contributions can be submitted until 31 December.

[Consultation Paper](#)

■ Energy and Cyber-security

The Council of European Energy Regulators published its Cyber-security Report on Europe's Electricity and Gas Sectors, which gives an overview of the state of cyber-security in the energy sector.

[CEER Report](#)

■ Gas Network Development Plans

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators published its Opinion on national gas network development plans.

[ACER Opinion](#)

■ Gas Transmission Revenues

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators published its Report on the methodologies and parameters used to determine the revenues of gas Transmission System Operators (TSOs), providing an overview of the situation in all Member States.

[ACER Reports](#)

DECISIONS

[EC Investigation – Tata Steel / ThyssenKrupp / JV](#)

■ Manufacture of basic iron and steel and of ferro-alloys

The EC opened an in-depth investigation to assess the proposed creation of a new joint venture by ThyssenKrupp and Tata Steel.

[Case information](#)

[EC Decision of 29 October – SNAM / SGI / Sardinia Newco](#)

■ Support activities for petroleum and natural gas extraction

The EC approved the proposed creation of a joint venture, Sardinia Newco, by SNAM and Societa Gasdotti Italia.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 29 October – Continental / CITC / JHTD / JV

■ Manufacture of batteries and accumulators

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control over the newly created joint venture Continental CALB Battery Power System Co. Ltd by Continental Automotive Holding Co. Ltd, Sichuan Chengfei Integration Technology Corp. Ltd (“CITC”) and Jiangsu Jintan Hualuogeng Technology Development Ltd (“JHTD”).

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 29 October – Mars / AniCura

■ Manufacture of prepared pet foods and retail sale; veterinary activities

The EC approved the acquisition of AniCura by Mars, conditional on the divestment of AniCura’s VetFamily business.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 26 October – Rhone Capital / Maxam

■ Manufacture of weapons and ammunition; manufacture of other chemical products

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control over MaxamCorp Holding S.L by Rhone Capital L.L.C.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 26 October – SONY / EMI Music Publishing

■ Creative, arts and entertainment activities

The EC approved the proposed acquisition by Sony Corporation of EMI Music Publishing.

[Case information](#)

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■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration PepsiCo / SodaStream International – Case M.9108 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 395/07](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Aperam / VDM – Case M.8907 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 395/06](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration GETEC Wärme & Effizienz / SW Hanau / Pionierwerk – Case M.9061 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 395/05](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration PSPIB / Brookfield / Quadreal / BREP Brazil / Brookfield Brazil Retail – Case M.9077 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 395/04](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Fricke Holding / Jungheinrich / JV – Case M.9088 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 391/04](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Vodafone/ Certain Liberty Global Assets – Case M.8864 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 391/03](#) – [Case information](#)

■ Withdrawal of notification of concentrations

The withdrawal of notification of the concentration Spirit / Asco – Case M.8948 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 395/01](#) – [Case information](#)

BRUSSELS INTERN

■ Energy Union

In view of the Energy Working Party on 6 November, the Presidency of the Council presented a revised compromise text on the proposal for a regulation establishing a Euro-

pean Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators.

[Compromise proposals](#)

■ Energy Intensive Industries

The Presidency released a note on Energy Intensive Industries and the long-term EU Strategy for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. The document will be discussed by the members of the Working Group on Competitiveness and Growth on 8 November.

[Presidency Note](#)

■ ■ Clean Mobility

Environment and Transport Ministers of EU Member States had a joint meeting to discuss the issue of clean mobility. The Presidency of the Council will soon present a declaration with which it will call on Member States and the EC to quickly implement clean, accessible and affordable mobility measures, such as the promotion of zero-emission vehicles and of alternative fuels; consistent investments in infrastructure for public transport; and digitalisation. A comprehensive strategy is expected to be implemented by 2021.

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