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## LAW

### ■ Code of Practice on Disinformation

Representatives of online platforms and of advertising industry adopted a self-regulatory Code of Practice against online disinformation and fake news as a follow-up to the European Commission Communication “Tackling online disinformation” of last April. The Commission will analyse the first results of the code by the end of the year and if necessary it will propose further actions, including some regulatory measures. The code includes an annex with best practices that signatories will apply in the coming weeks.

[EC dedicated page](#)

### ■ Antitrust - Maritime Transport

The EC launched a public consultation to collect views on the legal framework exempting liner shipping consortia from EU antitrust rules. The so-called Consortia Block Exemption Regulation will expire on 25 April 2020, therefore the European executive is assessing whether it should be prolonged, and if so what to change, or it should be left to

expire. Contributions can be submitted until 20 December 2018.

[EC consultation page](#)

### ■ CETA

The Joint Committee established under the EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) held its first meeting in Canada and adopted three recommendations: on trade and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), on climate action, and on trade and gender. Next meeting will be in Europe next year.

[Recommendation on SMEs](#) – [Recommendation on climate action](#) – [Recommendation on trade and gender](#)

### ■ Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed Report

The EC published the annual report on the use of the Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed.

[RASFF 2017 Report](#)

## ■ 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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### ■ Circular Economy

The EC published the latest report on the implementation of EU waste legislation. The document gives an overview on how European rules on waste management and recycling are applied in the Union.

[EC Report – Annex to the report](#)

### ■ IPR Infringements

The EC published a report on the EU customs enforcement of intellectual property rights (trademarks, copyrights and patents).

[EC report](#)

### ■ Banking – Transparency Exercise

The European Banking Authority launched its 5<sup>th</sup> annual transparency exercise, that covers a wide sample of banks and countries and provides consistent time series of semi-annual bank-by-bank financial information since 2011. The Authority shall publish it this December.

## DECISIONS

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### **EC Decision of 27 September – Boeing / Safran / JV (Auxiliary Power Units)**

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#### ■ Manufacture of air and spacecraft and related machinery; and maintenance

The EC approved the creation of a joint venture by The Boeing Company and Safran S.A.

[Case information](#)

### **EC Decision of 26 September – CEFC / Rockaway Capital / European Bridge Travel (II)**

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#### ■ Travel agency, tour operator and other related activities

The EC approved the acquisition of European Bridge Travel (“EBT”) by CEFC Group Company a.s. and Rockaway Capital SE.

[Case information](#)

### **EC Decision of 24 September – Kirin / Mitsui / Thorne**

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#### ■ Manufacture of other food products

The EC approved the acquisition of Thorne Holding Corporation (“Thorne”) by Kirin Holdings Company Limited (“Kirin”) and Mitsui & Co. Ltd.

[Case information](#)

### **EC Decision of 21 September – Germany – Modernisation of CHP Plant GuD2 in Munich and CHP Plant Herne**

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#### ■ Energy efficiency

The EC approved German plans to support the modernisation of a highly efficient cogeneration plant and the construction of a new one.

[Case information SA.49371](#) – [Case information SA.49843](#)

### **EC Decision of 21 September – EQT Fund Management / Azelis**

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#### ■ Wholesale of chemical products

The EC approved the acquisition of Antelope Topco S.C.A. (“Azelis”) by EQT Fund Management S.a.r.l.

[Case information](#)

## **EC Decision of 21 September – Vossloh Rail Services / Rhomberg Sersa Rail Holding / Rhomberg Sersa Vossloh (JV)**

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### **■ Repair and maintenance of other transport equipment**

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control over Rhomberg Sersa Vossloh GmbH (“RSV”) by Vossloh AG and Rhomberg Sersa Rail Holding GmbH.

[Case information](#)

## **EC Decision of 21 September – Deutsche Asphalt / Bunte / JV**

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### **■ Manufacture of articles of concrete, cement and plaster**

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control over a newly created joint venture by Deutsche Asphalt GmbH, controlled by Strabag SE and Johann Bunte Baunternehmung GmbH & Co. KG (“Bunte”).

[Case information](#)

## **EC Decision of 21 September – STEAG / Siemens / JV STEAG GUD**

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### **■ Electronic power generation, transmission and distribution; manufacture of engines and turbines; steam and air conditioning supply**

The EC approved the creation of a joint venture by STEAG Beteiligungsgesellschaft mbH, belonging to the STEAG Group and Siemens Project Ventures GmbH, belonging to the Siemens Group.

[Case information](#)

## **FROM THE OJEU**

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

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Goldman Sachs / Orix / ILS – Case M.9098 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 347/02](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration CACF / Bankia / JV – Case M.8999 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 347/01](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Total / Pont Sur Sambre Power and Toul Power – Case M.9074 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 345/03](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Biogen / Samsung / BioLogics / Bioepis JV – Case M.8956 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 345/02](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Rhone-Zodiac / Fluidra – Case M.8738 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 345/01](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration EQT Fund Management / Azelis – Case M.9034 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 344/01](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Macquarie Group / The Goldman Sachs Group / HES International – Case M.8896 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 340/01](#) – [Case information](#)

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

Prior notification of the concentration Vallourec Tubes / Bpifrance Group / Vallourec Umbilicals – Case M.9096 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 347/12](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration OMERS / BCI / AIMCo / PGGM / CPPIB / Puget Holdings – Case M.9109 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 347/11](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration ORIX Aviation Systems / Bohai / Avolon – Case M.9103 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 347/10](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration EQT Fund Management / Saur – Case M.9092 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 347/09](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Huaxin / Juniper / JV – Case M.8993 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 347/08](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Hellman & Friedman / Concardis Payment Group – Case M.9089 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 347/07](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Bain Capital Private Equity / Esure Group – Case M.9104 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 345/10](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Advent International Corporation / KN Group – Case M.9079 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 345/09](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration CK Asset Holdings / CK Infrastructure Holdings / APA – Case M.9100 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 344/07](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Daimler / BMW / Car Sharing / JV – Case M.8744 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 344/06](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Lone Star / Caixa-Bank Assets – Case M.9055 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 344/05](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Bain Capital / Italmatch Chemicals – Case M.9037 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 344/04](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Booking Holdings / Hotels Combined – Case M.9005 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 344/03](#) – [Case information](#)

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

[Document 2018/C 342/05](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Morgan Stanley / VTG – Case M.9116 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 342/04](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration CMA CGM / Container Finance – Case M.9016 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 342/03](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration HP / Apogee – Case M.9060 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 340/09](#) – [Case information](#)

## BRUSSELS INTERN

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### ■ Free Flow of Data

At the October plenary session the European Parliament is expected to vote on the proposal for a regulation to facilitate the free flow of non-personal data, a key element of the digital single market strategy. Once adopted it would enter into force 20 days after its publication in the EU Official Journal and it will apply six months after that publication.

### ■ Audiovisual Media Services

The European Parliament is expected to endorse the new directive which reviews the audio-visual media framework during the October plenary session.

### ■ Insolvency Directive

EU Member States shall agree soon on a general approach on the proposal for a Directive on preventive restructuring frameworks, second chance and measures to increase the efficiency of restructuring, insolvency and discharge procedures and amending Directive 2012/30/EU. The European Parliament adopted its negotiating position last September; therefore, inter-institutional negotiations can start as soon as the Council has adopted its position.

[Presidency compromise for a general approach](#)

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