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## LAW

### ■ Waste Package

The EP adopted the Waste Package, which is composed of a proposal for a Directive on packaging and packaging waste; a proposal for a Directive on end-of-life vehicles, on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators, and on waste electrical and electronic equipment; a proposal for a Directive on waste and a proposal for a Directive on the landfill of waste. The Waste Package sets clear targets for the reduction of waste, municipal waste, textiles and hazardous waste, packaging materials, landfilling, food waste, which should be applied from 2025. The directives need to be formally endorsed by the Council.

[Directive on Packaging and Packaging Waste](#) – [Directive on End-of-life Vehicles](#) – [Directive on Waste](#) – [Directive on the Landfill of Waste](#)

### ■ Greenhouse Gas Emissions post-2020

The EP adopted the proposal for a Regulation on the inclusion of greenhouse gas emissions and removals from land use, land use change and forestry into the 2030 climate and energy framework and amending Regulation 525/2013 on a mechanism for monitoring and reporting greenhouse gas emissions and other information relevant to climate change. The EC presented its proposal for post-2020 emission reductions in non-ETS sectors in July 2016.

[EP legislative resolution](#)

### ■ Car Approval System

The EP voted in favour of the provisional inter-institutional agreement on the proposed legislation on approval and market surveillance of motor vehicles and their trailers. Its main features include removing the time limit on the validity of type-approval certificates; empowering the European Commission to carry out assessments of the procedures put in place by type-approval authorities in Member

States; requiring Member States to provide sufficient funds for market surveillance activities. The regulation needs to be formally adopted by the Council; it will be applicable from 1 September 2020.

[EP resolution on the proposal for a Regulation on the approval and market surveillance of motor vehicles and their trailers](#)

#### ■ Anti-Money Laundering Directive

The EP adopted the 5<sup>th</sup> Anti-Money Laundering Directive, which was presented by the Commission in July 2016. The new rules aim to better counter the financing of terrorism and to ensure increased transparency of transactions. The directive will limit the use of pre-paid cards; improve the safeguards for transactions to and from high-risk third countries; enhance the access of Financial Intelligence Units to information.

[EP resolution on the proposal for a Directive amending Directive 2015/849](#)

#### ■ Energy Performance of Buildings

The EP adopted the revised Energy Performance of Buildings Directive, a part of the Clean Energy for All Europeans Package. The Council will endorse it in the coming weeks. Once approved by the Council, the directive will be published in the EU Official Journal and it will enter into force 20 days after. Member States will then have 20 months to transpose the directive into national law.

[EP legislative resolution on the proposal for a Directive](#)

#### ■ Trade Defence Rules

The Council formally approved the agreement reached last December between the EU institutions on the proposal to amend the existing legal framework on trade defence instruments, paving the way for the final adoption of the text by the European Parliament in the coming weeks.

[Council position on the regulation amending Regulation 2016/1036](#)

#### ■ Trade Agreements

The EC presented the outcome of the negotiations for the Economic Partnership Agreement with Japan and the Trade and Investment Protection Agreement with Singapore. Once approved by the Council, both agreements will be sent to the European Parliament for adoption. The Commission aims for their into force in 2019. The Investment Protection Agreement needs to be ratified also at Member State level. The Commission will continue the negotiations with the Japanese Government on investment protection standards and investment protection dispute resolution.

[EU-Japan EPA text](#) – [EU-Singapore FTA text](#)

#### ■ 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 Policy Report

The European Parliament adopted the annual Report on Competition Policy, which sets out some recommendations for the European Commission.

[Competition Policy Report](#)

#### ■ Data Protection

The Article 29 Data Protection Working Party published revised guidelines on the new obligation of transparency under the General Data Protection Regulation.

[Dedicated page](#)

#### ■ EBA Reporting Framework

The European Banking Authority published amendments to the Implementing Technical Standards on supervisory reporting, new Implementing Technical Standards on report-

ing for resolution plans and the corresponding Data Point Model and XBRL taxonomy. These changes will be applicable for submissions of data as of December.

[EBA dedicated page](#)

#### ■ Capital Requirements Regulation

The European Banking Authority launched a consultation on its Guidelines regarding the types of exposures to be associated with high risk under article 128.3 of the Capital Requirements Regulation. Contributions can be submitted until 17 July.

[EBA consultation paper](#)

## DECISIONS

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### **EC Decision of 17 April – StandardLifeAberdeen / Neptune / PensionDanmark / NGT**

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#### ■ Distribution of gaseous fuels; transport via pipeline

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control of Noordgastransport B.V (“NGT”) by StandardLifeAberdeen and Neptune and PensionDanmark.

[Case information](#)

### **EC Decision of 17 April – Spectris / Macquarie Group / Soundwave Holdings**

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#### ■ Technical testing and analysis

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control over the newly created joint venture Soundwave Holdings Pty Ltd by Macquarie group and Spectris group.

[Case information](#)

### **EC Decision of 16 April – Lenovo / Fujitsu / FCCL**

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#### ■ Manufacture of computers and peripheral equipment

The EC approved the creation of the joint venture, Fujitsu Client Computing Limited (FCCL), by Fujitsu Limited and Lenovo Group Limited.

[Case information](#)

### **EC Decision of 13 April – Kerry Group / Korys Investments / Proparent**

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#### ■ Manufacture of other food products

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control over Proparent by Korys Investment and the Kerry Group.

[Case information](#)

### **EC Decision of 13 April – Elia System Operator / Eurogrid International**

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#### ■ Transmission of electricity

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of Eurogrid International CVBA by Elia System Operator N.V./S.A.

[Case information](#)

### **EC Decision of 13 April – VAPO / OP Financial Group / JV**

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#### ■ Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply

The EC approved the creation of a joint venture between Vapo Oy and the OP Financial Group.

[Case information](#)

## FROM THE OJEU

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#### ■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Maersk Line / HSDG – Case M.8330 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 139/04](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Kerry Group / Korys Investments / Proparent – Case M.8838 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 139/03](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Elia System Operator / Eurogrid International – Case M.8826 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 137/02](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Cathay Capital Private Equity / Equistone Partners Europe / E. Winkemann – Case M.8848 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 137/01](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration CWS-boco / Rentokil Initial Target Businesses – Case M.8399 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 136/02](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Safran / Zodiac Aerospace – Case M.8425 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 136/01](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration AXA / CDC / Cible dans Toulon Grand Var – Case M.8853 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 135/01](#) – [Case information](#)

## ■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Mondi / Powerflute – Case M.8831 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 137/05](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Apollo Management / Cyprus Cooperative Bank – Case M.8888 has been published.

[Document 2018/C 136/04](#) – [Case information](#)

## BRUSSELS INTERN

### ■ ePrivacy Regulation

Discussions in the Council Working Party on Telecommunications are still on-going on the proposal for a Regulation concerning the respect for private life and the protection of personal data in electronic communications and repealing Directive 2002/58/EC.

[Presidency revised text](#)

### ■ Copyright in the Digital Single Market

The lead Committee in the EP postponed the vote on the proposal for a directive on copyright in the Digital Single Market to 20 June. Outstanding issues are articles 11 and 13: introduction of a neighbouring right for press publishers and monitoring obligations for platform operators.

Member States' representatives at the Council Working Party are also debating the proposal. The Presidency aims to reach a mandate for negotiations with the Parliament by the end of the month.

[Presidency compromise proposal](#)

### ■ Ecodesign Directive

On 25 April, the Environment Committee of the European Parliament will vote on the draft report on the implementation of the Ecodesign Directive, which integrates environmental aspects into product design in order to meet the new challenge of the circular economy.

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