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LAW

■ Evaluation of State Aid Instruments

The EC published its roadmap for the evaluation of the instruments applicable to State aid in the agricultural and forestry sectors and in rural areas. The Commission plans to start the evaluation of the current framework, in particular with regard to the impact on the internal market, in October. Once the roadmap is open for feedback, stakeholders will have four weeks to submit their contributions on the experience with the legal framework. The results of this exercise will feed into the preparation of the evaluation Staff Working Document for the review of the rules to

be carried out in 2020 in order to establish a new State aid framework for the period 2021 to 2028.

[EC dedicated page](#)

■ 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

■ EU Financial System

The Joint Committee of the European Supervisory Authorities (EBA, EIOPA and ESMA) published its spring Report on risks and vulnerabilities in the EU's financial system.

[Joint Committee Report](#)

■ Excise Duties for Alcohol

The EC launched a public consultation on how excise duties are applied to alcohol and alcoholic beverages. The rules under scrutiny define product categories, methods to charge the duty and provide for reduced rates and exemp-

tions from excise duty. Contributions can be submitted until 7 July.

[Consultation page](#)

DECISIONS

EC Decision of 19 April – Duferco Energia / Energhe

■ Manufacture of gas; production of electricity

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of a business unit of Energhe S.p.a by Duferco.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 19 April – Advent International / Morpho

■ Manufacture of computers; other activities auxiliary to financial services

The EC approved the acquisition of Morpho by Advent International, subject to conditions.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 19 April – Rolls-Royce / ITP

■ Manufacture of air and spacecrat and related machinery

The EC approved the acquisition of sole control of ITP by Rolls-Royce, subject to conditions.

[Case information](#)

FROM THE OJEU

■ REACH

Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/706 of 19 April 2017 on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) as regards skin sensitisation and repealing Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/1688 has been published.

[Commission Regulation 2017/706](#)

■ Non-opposition to concentrations

The non-opposition to the concentration Ardian / Groupe Prosol – Case M.8442 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 124/02](#) – [Case information](#)

The non-opposition to the concentration CVC / Zabka Polska – Case M.8428 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 124/01](#) – [Case information](#)

The non-opposition to the concentration Engie / Omnes Capital / Predica / Engie PV Besse / Engie PV Sanguinet – Case M.8413 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 123/01](#) – [Case information](#)

The non-opposition to the concentration Qatar Airways / Alisarda / Meridiana – Case M.8361 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 122/01](#) – [Case information](#)

■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration KKR / CDPQ / USI Insurance Services – Case M.8462 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 124/07](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration SGID / Hellenic Republic / IPTO – Case M.8379 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 124/06](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Cinven / CPPIB / Travel Holdings Parent Corporation – Case M.8408 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 124/05](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Ares / Baupost / Nova Eventis – Case M.8388 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 123/13](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration OMERS / AIMCO / Vue / Dalian Wanda Group / UCI Italia / JV – Case M.8431 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 123/12](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Linde / PJSC Power Machines / JV – Case M.8426 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 122/08](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration WestRock / MPS – Case M.8421 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 122/07](#) – [Case information](#)

BRUSSELS INTERN

■ Geo-blocking Regulation

The Internal Market Committee of the European Parliament will vote on its draft report on the regulation on geo-blocking and other forms of discrimination based on customers' nationality, place of residence or place of establishment on 25 April. The Council adopted its negotiating mandate last November, while the EP is still going through its first reading. After the vote in the Committee, the report will be debated and voted in plenary.

■ Audiovisual Media Services

On 25 April the Culture and Education Committee of the European Parliament will vote on the new rules to adapt the Audiovisual Media Services Directive of 2010 to new distribution modes, digitalisation and video-sharing platforms.

■ General Affairs Council 27 april

The General Affairs Council will meet in its 27 format on 27 April to prepare the European Council of 29 April discussing the draft guidelines for the Brexit negotiations.

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