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LAW

■ Intellectual Property – Marrakesh Treaty

The Council adopted a regulation and a directive aimed at implementing the Marrakesh Treaty on access to published works for blind and visually impaired persons. Specifically, the regulation will implement the EU's obligations with respect to the exchange of accessible format copies for non-commercial purposes between the EU and third countries; the directive will incorporate the obligations under the Marrakesh Treaty into national domestic legislation.

[Regulation on the cross-border exchange of accessible format copies](#) – [Directive on certain permitted uses of certain works protected by copyright](#)

■ Insurance and reinsurance

The Council decided not to object to the Commission regulations amending Regulation 2015/35 on insurance and reinsurance as concerns the calculation of regulatory capital requirements for certain categories of assets held by infra-

structure corporates. The new regulation can now enter into force, unless the European Parliament objects.

[Commission delegated regulation](#)

■ Markets in Financial Instruments

The Council decided not to object to the Commission regulation supplementing Regulation 600/2014 on markets in financial instruments as regards the exemption of certain third country central banks from pre- and post-trade transparency requirements. The new regulation can now enter into force, unless the European Parliament objects.

[Commission delegated regulation](#)

■ Payment Services

The Council decided not to object to the Commission regulation supplementing Directive 2015/2366 on payment services with regard to regulatory technical standards for cooperation between competent authorities as concerns the right of establishment and the freedom to provide ser-

vices. The new regulation can now enter into force, unless the European Parliament objects.

[Commission delegated regulation](#)

■ Derivatives

The Council decided not to object to the Commission regulation amending Regulation 151/2013 supplementing regulation 648/2012 on over-the-counter derivatives, central counterparties and trade repositories. The new regulation can now enter into force, unless the European Parliament objects.

[Commission delegated regulation](#)

■ Ukraine Trade Preferences

The Council adopted a set of temporary trade measures in favour of Ukraine which should enter into force by the end of September for a three-year period. It consists of removal of import duties on several industrial products (such as fertilisers, aluminium, copper, television and sound recording equipment, et al.) and additional annual import quotas at zero tariff for some agricultural products.

[Council dedicated page](#)

■ CO2 Emissions

The Council decided not to object to two Commission delegated regulations concerning light commercial and light

duty vehicles, which amend annexes I and II to Regulations 510/2011 and 443/2009. The delegated regulations introduce a new regulatory text procedure, so called World Harmonised Light Vehicles Test Procedure (WLTP), for the measurement of CO2 emissions from these types of vehicles. The WLTP will apply as of 2021. The new Commission delegated regulations can now enter into force unless the European Parliament objects.

[Commission delegated regulation amending annex I and II to Regulation 510/2011 – Annex](#) – [Commission delegated regulation amending annex I and II to Regulation 443/2009 – Annex](#)

■ Acoustic Vehicle Alerting System Requirements

The Council decided not to object to the adoption of a Commission delegated regulation on the sound level of motor vehicles, which will amend Regulation 540/2014.

[Commission delegated regulation – Annex](#)

■ 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

■ Fifth Generation of Communications Infrastructures

EU Ministers for Competitiveness and Telecommunications signed a declaration in order to establish a common baseline on future 5G standards.

[Ministerial declaration](#)

■ Banking activities

The European Banking Authority published its final draft Regulatory Technical Standards on the information applicants shall provide to competent authorities when applying for authorisation as credit institutions together with its final draft Implementing Technical Standards related to the templates to be used. Next step is the approval by the European Commission.

[EBA final report](#)

■ Capital Requirements

The European Banking Authority published a revised Decision confirming the quality of unsolicited credit assessments assigned by certain External Credit Assessment Institutions for calculating institutions' capital requirements.

[EBA revised Decision](#)

■ External Credit Assessment Institutions

The Joint Committee of the 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 for credit risk. Contributions can be submitted until 18 September.

[Consultation paper](#)

■ Solvency II

The European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority published an updated version of the source code used for the monthly risk-free interest rate term structures calculation.

[EIOPA dedicated page](#)

■ Insurance Undertakings

The European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority published the Implementing Technical Standards on the templates for the submission of information to the supervisory authorities (so called ITS on Reporting) and the Implementing Technical Standards with regard to the pro-

cedures, formats and templates of the Solvency and financial condition report (ITS on Disclosure). Both have been submitted to the European Commission for endorsement.

[EIOPA dedicated page](#)

■ REMIT

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators published updates in its REMIT Quarterly.

[ACER dedicated page](#)

DECISION

EC Decision of 19 July – Bouygues Immobilier / Accor / Nextdoor

■ Renting and operating of own or leased real estate

The EC approved the acquisition of NextDoor by Bouygues Immobilier S.A.S and Accor S.A.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 19 July – SUEZ / GE Water and Process Technologies

■ Water collection, treatment and supply

The EC approved the acquisition of GE Water and Process Technologies by SUEZ S.A.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 19 July – BITE / TELE2 / TELIA LIETUVA / JV

■ Financial service activities

The EC approved the creation of a joint venture by UAB Bite Lietuva, UAB Tele2 and Telia Lietuva AB.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 17 July – Highlands and Islands Airport Limited – Inverness Airport

■ Air transport

The EC approved public service compensation to Inverness airport in the UK.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 17 July – Subsidies in favour of certain airline companies operating at the airport of Brussels-National

■ Air transport

The EC found Belgian support to Brussels Airlines, TUI Airlines Belgium and Thomas Cook Airlines Belgium not compatible with EU rules.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 17 July – The Priceline Group / Momondo Group Holdings

■ Travel agency and related activities

The EC approved the acquisition of Momondo Group by Priceline Group.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 17 July – Aid for the restructuring of Vestjysk Bank

■ Financial and insurance activities

The EC approved a restructuring plan for Danish Vestjysk Bank A/S.

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 14 July – Intermediate Capital Group / DomusVi Group

■ Residential care and nursing activities

The EC approved the acquisition of CasaVita SAS and its FILIALES (Groupe DomusVi) by Intermediate Capital Group (ICG).

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 14 July – Central / Signa Prime / JVCo

■ Real estate activities

The EC approved the acquisition of joint control by Harg Central Department Store Ltd and a subsidiary of SIGNA Prime Selection AG over Berlin, Passauer Straße 1-3 Immobilien GmbH & Co. KG (JVCo).

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 14 July – INEOS / Forties Pipeline System

■ Extraction of crude petroleum; support activities; transport via pipeline

The EC approved the acquisition by INEOS of Forties Pipeline System (FPS) and interests in the North and South Graben Area Export Lines (GAEL spurlines).

[Case information](#)

EC Decision of 14 July – Guarantee scheme for Energy Transition (ETFF)

■ Energy

The EC approved the Dutch “Energy Transition Financing Facility” to improve access to finance for projects aiming at easing the transition to a low carbon economy.

[Case information](#)

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■ State aid Ireland / Apple

Commission Decision (EU) 2017/1283 of 30 August 2016 on State aid SA.38373 (2014/C) (ex 2014/NN) (ex 2014/CP) implemented by Ireland to Apple has been published.

[Commission Decision 2017/1283](#)

■ Non-opposition to concentrations

Non-opposition to the notified concentration USSL / Goldman Sachs / Redexis Gas – Case M.8550 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 234/01](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Cummins / Eaton Corporation / Eaton JV business – Case M.8495 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 233/01](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Lone Star / Nani Holdings / Novo Banco – Case M.8487 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 232/04](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Lone Star Fund / Xella International – Case M.8341 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 232/03](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Blackstone Group / Sponda – Case M.8532 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 232/02](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Engie / CDC / SolaireCorsica 1-2-3 – Case M.8508 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 232/01](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration Itochu / Toppan printing / Thung Hua Sinn / TPN Food Packaging – Case M.8535 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 230/03](#) – [Case information](#)

Non-opposition to the notified concentration CPPIB / BTPS / Milton Park – Case M.8526 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 230/02](#) – [Case information](#)

■ Prior notification of concentrations

Prior notification of the concentration Banco Santander / Banco Popular Group – Case M.8553 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 234/06](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration OTPP / AIMCo / Boreal / KIA / LCY – Case M.8575 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 234/05](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Advent International / Faerch Plast Group – Case M.8551 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 233/04](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Ardian / APG / PGGM / LBC Tank Terminals – Case M.8543 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 232/16](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration Norgesgruppen / Axfood / Eurocash – Case M.8468 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 232/15](#) – [Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration DB / PSPIB / TIAA / Vantage – Case M.8558 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 230/08 – Case information](#)

Prior notification of the concentration HAPM / Magna / JV – Case M.8560 has been published.

[Document 2017/C 230/07 – Case information](#)

BRUSSELS INTERN

■ Spectrum

The Estonian Presidency invited Member States to submit feedback and comments on setting a minimum length for spectrum licenses. The EU institutions are working on EU-wide rules for spectrum auctions, but they are divided on the possibility of introducing a minimum length for spectrum licenses. The responsible Committee at the European Parliament will vote on the proposal in Autumn.

■ Copyright Law

The European Parliament is working on its proposal for a new copyright law. Over one thousand amendments have been presented and one of the most sensitive issue remains the neighbouring right for publishers. The Legal Affairs Committee will vote in October, while the plenary vote is scheduled for December.

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