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EU Competition

[Click here](#) for a further information about a speech by Neelie Kroes on cartel enforcement and private damages actions.

UK Competition

The OFT has received a request from the National Federation of Retail Newsagents (NFRN) to consider whether to refer the market for the supply of newspapers and magazines in the UK to the Competition Commission for a market investigation. [Click here](#) for further information.

The OFT has published the [full text](#) of its decision regarding the completed acquisition by Stagecoach Group plc of the South Western Franchise.

The OFT has published the [full text](#) of its decision regarding the completed acquisition by various subsidiaries of Greif Inc of the steel drum and closures business of Blagden Packaging Group.

The Competition Commission has provisionally concluded that the merger between Mid Kent Water Limited (Mid Kent Water) and South East Water Limited (South East Water) may be expected to prejudice Ofwat's ability to make comparisons between water enterprises. The CC will now consider possible remedies for the prejudice, including remedies which would allow the merger to proceed. [Click here](#) for further information.

The Treasury Select Committee has announced that it intends to undertake a new inquiry into competition in banking and the future of "free" banking. [Click here](#) for further information.

Financial Services

[Commission Directive 2007/14](#) laying down detailed rules for the implementation of certain provisions of Directive 2004/109 on the harmonisation of transparency requirements in relation to information about issuers whose securities are admitted to trading on a regulated market.

Pharmaceuticals

[Prior notification](#) of a concentration (Case COMP/M.4577 — Blackstone/Cardinal Health (PTS Division)).

Communications/IT / Media

Microsoft sells first licence under EU code release scheme. [Click here](#) for the press release.

Prior notification of a concentration (Case COMP/M.4591 — Weather Investments/Hellas Telecommunications).

Energy

[Click here](#) for further information about the European Commission's "ownership unbundling" proposals.

Mergers: infringement proceedings against Spain for not lifting unlawful conditions imposed on E.ON's bid for Endesa. [Click here](#) for further information.

Other industries

Waste management

Prior notification of a concentration (Case COMP/M.4576 — AVR/Van Gansewinkel).