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Commission opens in-depth investigation into Tom Tom's proposed acquisition of Tele Atlas
[\(IP07/1800\)](#)

Commission approves proposed Scandinavian joint venture between Yara and Praxair in industrial gases
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Commission approves proposed acquisition of three Yamaha distributors by Yamaha [\(IP07/1797\)](#)

Flat glass groups are fined €500m by Commission
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Antitrust move shatters price-fixing
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STATE AID

Information communicated by Member States regarding State aid granted under Commission Regulation (EC) No 70/2001 on the application of Articles 87 and 88 of the EC Treaty to State aid to small and medium-sized enterprises
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EFTA Surveillance Authority Notice on the handling of complaints by the Authority under Articles 53 and 54 of the EEA Agreement
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State aid - Germany - State aid C 24/07 (ex NN 71/06) - State aid to Flughafen Lübeck GmbH and Ryanair - Invitation to submit comments pursuant to Article 88(2) of the EC Treaty
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State aid - Romania - State aid C 40/07 (ex NN 48/07) - Privatisation of Mittal Steel Roman - Invitation to submit comments pursuant to Article 88(2) of the EC Treaty

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State aid - United Kingdom - State aid C 42/04 (ex N 350/04) - Business Premises Renovation Allowances

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Commission approves €884million public funding plus continued loan facilities for Post Office Ltd
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Commission opens in-depth investigation into financial advantages to BT from UK Crown pension guarantee [\(IP07/1802\)](#)

Commission authorises €800 000 restructuring aid to Polish mechanical engineering company Techmatrans [\(IP07/1801\)](#)

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Commission Regulation (EC) No 1398/2007 of 28 November 2007 amending Annexes II, III B and VI to Council Regulation (EC) No 517/94 on common rules for imports of textile products from certain third countries not covered by bilateral agreements, protocols or other arrangements, or by other specific Community import rules
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Commission Regulation (EC) No 1399/2007 of 28 November 2007 opening and providing for the administration of an autonomous and transitional import tariff quota for sausages and certain meat products originating in Switzerland
[OJ L 311 29.11.2007 p.7](#)

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1402/2007 of 28 November 2007 laying down rules for the management and distribution of textile quotas established for the year 2008 under Council Regulation (EC) No 517/94

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Council Decision of 19 November 2007 on the acceptance, on behalf of the European Community, of the Protocol amending the TRIPS Agreement, done at Geneva on 6 December 2005

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International Trade in Services - EU27 surplus in trade in services increased to nearly €70bn in 2006 ([Stat/07/162](#))

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New trade regime only one aspect of EU-ACP relations – For overview, including shortcomings
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Bilateral group set up to tackle trade imbalance

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Berlin under pressure to mend ties with Beijing

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Modest progress at the Beijing summit

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EU now toughens stance with China dealings

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Brussels vs. Beijing – Trade deficits are not the cause of Europe's problems

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Harassment at work: MEPs discuss extent of problem (See the EP' [Statement](#))

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