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Commission approves proposed acquisition of Kerling by Ineos ([IP/08/109](#))

Commission imposes € 38 million fine on E.ON for breach of a seal during an inspection ([IP/08/108](#) & FaQs: [Memo/08/61](#))

Commission clears acquisition of Mubadala Infrastructure by Credit Suisse, GE and Mubadala  
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EDF-ACS in talks over joint bid for Iberdrola  
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EDF fuels cross-border energy merger rumour mill  
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## STATE AID

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Commission authorises Czech State aid to support purchase of new railway rolling stock ([IP/08/115](#))

Commission opens investigation into municipality of Rotterdam's investment in Ahoy' complex ([IP/08/111](#))

Commission authorises a reform of the Belgian tax on the turnover of pharmaceutical companies ([IP/08/110](#))

## TRADE &amp; CUSTOMS

Council Regulation (EC) No 79/2008 of 28 January 2008 repealing Regulation (EC) No 152/2002 concerning the export of certain ECSC and EC steel products from the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the European Community (double-checking system)  
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Commission Regulation (EC) No 82/2008 of 28 January 2008 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 32/2000 to take account of amendments to Council Regulation (EEC) No [2658/87](#) on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff

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Decision No 1/2007 of the EC-the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Stabilisation and Association Council of 20 December 2007 amending Protocol 2 (on steel products) of the EC-the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Stabilisation and Association Agreement

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Decision No 4/2007 of the ACP-EC Council of Ministers of 20 December 2007 amending Protocol No 3 on South Africa to the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement

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Trade Barriers Regulation: EU report criticises Taiwanese compulsory licensing practices for compact discs (See the [Report](#) and the [Statement](#))

Peter Mandelson to travel to Kiev in February to open negotiations on EU/Ukraine free trade deal  
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EU/ACP: Peter Mandelson tells EP Development Committee that 2008 should see interim agreements turned into full agreements

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Barroso tells EU leaders to avoid protectionism

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EU globalisation fund set to help 1,549 Portuguese car workers ([IP/08/113](#))

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Powers in EU push new rules for bank crisis  
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Charlie McCreewy - Curing the subprime virus – The private sector must step up to avoid a regulatory backlash  
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Mobile operators told to reduce EU roaming prices or be forced  
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