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## EUROPE DAILY NEWS Wednesday, 15 October 2008

## COMPETITION

Non-opposition to a notified concentration  
(Case COMP/M.5303 - Arques/SHC)  
[OJ C 262 15.10.2008 p.3](#)

Commission fines banana suppliers € 60,3 million  
for running price cartel ([IP/08/1509](#))

Commission action against cartels – Q&A  
([Memo/08/623](#))

EU mergers and takeovers (Oct 14)  
[EU Briefing 14-15.10.2008 \(Reuters\)](#)

Intel asks Court for more time with EU charges  
[EU Briefing 14-15.10.2008 \(Reuters\)](#)

## STATE AID

Authorisation for State aid pursuant to Articles 87  
and 88 of the EC Treaty - Cases where the  
Commission raises no objections  
[OJ C 262 15.10.2008 p.1](#)

Bail-out test EU rules on state aid  
[Financial Times 15.10.2008 p.5](#)

## TRADE &amp; CUSTOMS

WCO News, [October 2008](#)

WTO - Lamy creates WTO task force on financial  
crisis (See the [Statement](#))

WTO - Committee on TRIM - [Communication](#) from the  
European Communities - Transitional review  
mechanism pursuant to paragraph 18 of the [.]'s  
Republic of China

Notice of meeting and [provisional agenda](#) of the  
Working Party on Trade Questions - 22 October  
2008

Proposal for a Regulation of the European  
Parliament and of the Council concerning trade in  
seal products – [Questions](#) from the Presidency for  
the policy debate

Decision No 1/2008 of the EC-EFTA Joint Committee  
on Common Transit of 16 June 2008 amending the  
Convention of 20 May 1987 on a common transit  
procedure  
[OJ L 274 15.10.2008 p.1](#)

EU and the Caribbean seal economic partnership  
with ground-breaking trade deal - No EPA has yet  
been notified to the WTO - Cariforum may sign EPA  
without Guyana ([IP/08/1510](#) & [Memo/08/624](#))  
[Agence Europe 15.10.2008 p.15](#)  
[Financial Times 15.10.2008 p.9](#)

Council backs idea of Strategic Partnership with  
Mexico  
[Agence Europe 15.10.2008 p.5](#)

WTO launches search for new chief  
[EU Briefing 14-15.10.2008 \(Reuters\)](#)

Sri Lanka starts talks with EU for trade concessions  
[EU Briefing 14-15.10.2008 \(istockanalyst.com\)](#)

EICTA [position paper](#) on modifications in HS 2012  
regarding printer cartridges

## INTERNAL MARKET / GENERAL

[EP Study](#) - Misleading practices of 'directory  
companies' in the context of current and future  
internal market legislation aimed at the protection of  
consumers and SMEs

European companies outpace American  
counterparts in R&D investment growth for the first  
time in five years ([IP/08/1504](#))

Speech by Charlie McCreevy 'The need of a patent  
system for Europe', Brussels ([Speech/08/527](#))

Copyright companies take Commission to Court of First Instance

*Agence Europe 15.10.2008 p.14*

## FINANCE & TAXATION

Summit [Declaration](#) on a concerted European Action Plan of the Euro Area countries

President Barroso and Prime Minister Fillon meet European Social Partners on financial crisis ([IP/08/1505](#))

Commission proposes extension of rules on cross-border euro payments to direct debits ([IP/08/1506](#) & [Memo/08/621](#))

Commission sets out proposal to increase minimum protection for bank deposits to €100,000 ([IP/08/1508](#) & [Memo/08/622](#))

MEP on ways to avert future credit crunch (See the EP' [Statement](#))

BusinessEurope and the European Banking Federation issue a [joint statement](#) on the financial market turmoil

EU panel votes to ease fair-value accounting rule  
[EU Briefing 14-15.10.2008](#) (Reuters)

Analysis: EU summit marks pivotal point  
[Financial Times 15.10.2008](#)

Europe's public purses face damage  
[Financial Times 15.10.2008 p.4&13](#)

Brussels looks like bewildered bystander amid turmoil  
[Financial Times 15.10.2008 p.5](#)

EU to press for global reform over crisis  
[International Herald Tribune 15.10.2008](#)

## AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES

Getting the most out of EU-quality food and drink: Commission launches a consultation on agricultural product quality ([IP/08/1503](#) & [Speech/08/526](#))

Joe Borg visits Scotland  
[Midday Express 15.10.2008](#)

## ENERGY

Information to the Members of the EU-Russia Energy Dialogue - 8<sup>th</sup> October 2008, [Ninth Progress Report](#)

[Draft report](#) to the European Council on energy security – Presidency briefing

Iran plans gas link to Europe distinct from Nabucco  
[EU Briefing 14-15.10.2008](#) (Your Oil and Gas News)

## ENVIRONMENT

[Agenda](#) of the Working Party on Technical Harmonization (Dangerous substance) on Friday 17 October 2008 (Dichloromethane, Reach-Annex XI)

Carbon markets "key to tackling deforestation" (See the [UK office of climate change](#), a [press release](#) plus [report summary](#) and [in full](#). See also reactions from [WWF](#))

EU unity over credit crisis will be tested by climate change summit - Conflicting expectations of environmentalists and European industry  
*Agence Europe 15.10.2008 p.16*  
[International Herald Tribune 15.10.2008 p.3](#)

Italy business warns EU on CO2, climate goals  
[EU Briefing 14-15.10.2008](#) (Reuters)

## HEALTH & CONSUMER

Commission Decision of 14 October 2008 imposing special conditions governing the import of products containing milk or milk products originating in or consigned from China, and repealing Commission Decision 2008/757/EC  
[OJ L 273 15.10.2008 p.18](#)

EU raises BSE cattle testing age to 48 months  
[EU Briefing 14-15.10.2008](#) (Reuters)

## TRANSPORT

Council Decision of 25 September 2008 on the signing and provisional application of the Agreement (p.9) between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of India on certain aspects of air services  
[OJ L 273 15.10.2008 p.7&9](#)

Road transport: new working time directive to cover false self-employed drivers ([IP/08/1507](#))

**Ryanair calls on EU to cut red tape and reconsider Aer Lingus deal**

[EU Briefing 14-15.10.2008 \(Herald.ie\)](#)

**Italy notifies EU on Alitalia rescue plan**

[EU Briefing 14-15.10.2008 \(Reuters\)](#)

## TELECOMS & MEDIAS

**Telecoms: Commission streamlines notification procedure for national regulators** ([IP/08/1502](#) & FaQ: [Memo/08/620](#))

## EURO & ECONOMY

**Speech by Jean-Claude Trichet, President of the ECB: "The financial turbulence: Where do we stand?"** ([Speech/08/1014](#))

**September 2008 - Euro area annual inflation down to 3.6% - EU down to 4.2%** ([Stat/08/141](#))

**Demand soars for euro notes**

[Financial Times 15.10.2008 p.6](#)

**Ireland to bust EU rules with 6.5% deficit**

[Financial Times 15.10.2008 p.10](#)

**Pessimism rise about European economy**

[International Herald Tribune 15.10.2008 p.13](#)

## FUTURE OF EUROPE

**European Lisbon Treaty "no vote" network launched – Two demands need reconciling if it is to be tackled**  
[Agence Europe 15.10.2008 p.3](#)

**Common [communication](#) priorities for 2009**

## ACCESSION & EXT. RELATIONS

**Georgia and Russia begin talks**

[Financial Times 15.10.2008 p.10](#)

**Commission proposes triangular EU-China-Africa dialogue and cooperation**

[Midday Express 15.10.2008](#)