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## COMPETITION

Non-opposition to a notified concentration  
(Case COMP/M.5356 - **Gamestop/Micromania**)  
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Prior notification of a concentration  
(Case COMP/M.5160 - **APAX Partners/Altran Technologies**)  
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**Commission** confirms **unannounced inspections** on **biomedical analysis market** ([Memo/08/706](#))

**Saint Gobain** is fined a record **€1.4 billion** in cartel in **car glass industry**  
[Agence Europe 13.11.2008 p.9](#)  
[Financial Times 13.11.2008 p.20](#)  
[Wall Street Journal Europe 13.11.2005 p.1](#)  
[International Herald Tribune 13.11.2008 p.11](#)

**BHP** weighs its options as bid for **Rio** hits hurdles  
[Wall Street Journal Europe 13.11.2005 p.2](#)

## STATE AID

**Authorisation** for **State aid** pursuant to **Articles 87** and **88** of the **EC Treaty** - **Cases** where the **Commission** raises **no objections**  
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**Information** communicated by **Member States** regarding **State aid** granted under **Commission Regulation** (EC) No [1628/2006](#) on the application of **Articles 87** and **88** of the **EC Treaty** to **national regional investment aid**  
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**Information** communicated by **Member States** regarding **State aid** granted under **Commission Regulation** (EC) No [68/2001](#) on the application of **Articles 87** and **88** of the **EC Treaty** to **training aid**  
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**Council Decision** of **20 October 2008** on the **granting** of an **emergency State aid** by the **authorities** of **Cyprus** to **mitigate** the **consequences** of **drought** in **2007/2008** in the **agricultural sector**  
[OJ L 302 13.11.2008 p.7](#)

**Commission Decision** of **2 July 2008** on a **State aid scheme** (C 1/04 (ex NN 158/03 and CP 15/2003)): **Misuse of aid measure N 272/98, Regional Act No 9 of 1998**  
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**Commission** approves **Dutch** **emergency recapitalisation** of **ING** ([IP/08/1699](#))

**Commission** welcomes **Court** ruling on **recovery** of **illegal aid** ([Memo/08/705](#))

**EU** backs **proposed takeover** of **Alitalia**  
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[Financial Times 13.11.2008 p.22](#)  
[Wall Street Journal Europe 13.11.2005 p.7](#)  
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## TRADE &amp; CUSTOMS

**Agenda** of the **Ad-hoc Article 133 Committee** (Services) on **19 November 2008**

**Proposal** for a **Council Decision** on the **signing** and the **provisional application** of an **Agreement** in the form of an **Exchange of Letters** between the **European Community** and the **Republic of Belarus** amending the **Agreement** between the **European Community** and the **Republic of Belarus** on **trade in textile products** ([COM \(2008\) 0729](#))

**Notice** of **initiation** of an **anti-dumping** proceeding concerning **imports** of **welded tubes, pipes** and **hollow profiles** of **square** or **rectangular cross-section**, of **iron** other than **cast iron** or **steel** other than **stainless** originating in **Belarus, Turkey** and **Ukraine** (CN: 7306 61 92 & 7306 61 99)  
[OJ C 290 13.11.2008 p.13](#)

**Russia-Timber: EU Trade Commissioner Ashton reacts to Russian delay of increase in export duties on timber** (See the [Statement](#))  
[Financial Times 13.11.2008 p.20](#)

**European Commission and OECD call on developed countries to resist temptation of protectionism** (See the EC [Statement](#) and [OECD](#))  
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**WTO - General Council: Lamy warns trade finance situation “deteriorating” - 12 November 2008**

**Commission paves way to bilateral trade negotiations with Colombia and Peru**  
[Agence Europe 13.11.2008 p.5](#)

**Group set up to consider granting Tunisia, Morocco style of advanced status**  
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**Council reaffirms need for EPAs to promote development and draw on ACP regional integration process**  
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**The slow road towards partnership – The Commission argues that free trade agreements can advance regional integration**  
[European Voice 13.11.2008 p.23](#)

**Ecuador says to start direct trade talks with EU**  
[EU Briefing 12-13.11.2008 \(Reuters\)](#)

**Calls grow at WTO for breakthrough Doha meeting**  
[EU Briefing 12-13.11.2008 \(Reuters\)](#)

**Tax rebates raise for Chinese exporters**  
[Financial Times 13.11.2008 p.4](#)  
[Wall Street Journal Europe 13.11.2005 p.24](#)

## INTERNAL MARKET / GENERAL

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**Danuta Hübner in Poland: balanced territorial development strategy will be crucial to sustaining growth** ([IP/08/1698](#))

**Clusters: Europe needs world-class innovation centres**  
[Midday Express 13.11.2008](#)

**EC asks top Court to provide remedy in pharmacy row**  
[EU Briefing 12-13.11.2008 \(Dow Jones\)](#)

## FINANCE & TAXATION

**Report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: Sixth report under Article 12 of Regulation (EEC, Euratom) n° 1553/89 on VAT collection and control procedures** ([COM \(2008\) 0719](#))

**Taxation of savings: The European Commission proposes changes to eliminate tax evasion** (See the [IP/08/1697](#), [Memo/08/704](#) and [technical questions](#), the [Proposal](#), the [impact assessment](#) and its [summary](#))  
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**Speech by Charlie McCreevy: "Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (MiFID)"** ([Speech/08/609](#))

**Credit rating agencies will now need to be registered in EU** (See the [Proposal](#), [Citizens' summary](#), [Impact assessment](#) & the [Executive Summary](#))  
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**IASB must stay independent in any review of accounts rules**  
[Financial Times 13.11.2008 p.12](#)

**Brussels seen as threat to accounting dream**  
[Financial Times 13.11.2008 p.18](#)

**A call for prudence at financial summit**  
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**In EU, it's a new dawn for the curvy cucumber**  
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**Safeguarding security of natural gas supply** ([Memo/08/701](#))

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**EFSA evaluates TSE risk from small ruminants' milk**  
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**New EFSA paper on contributing further to animal health**

**Commission and EU agencies discuss risk assessment cooperation** (See the EFSA [Statement](#))

**Toy safety: Kuneva- safety is key to maintain public support for open markets**  
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**European Commission and Government of India sign Joint Declaration on policy dialogue in education** ([IP/08/1695](#))

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