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BASF agrees to sell assets to close CIBA buyout
[EU Briefing 02-03.04.2009](#) (Associated Press)

Germany - [List of Notified Merger Projects](#)

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 080 03.04.2009 p.1, 4 & 7](#)

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Commission **Regulation (EC) No 273/2009 of 2 April 2009** laying down **provisions** for the **implementation** of Council **Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92** establishing the **Community Customs Code, derogating** from certain **provisions** of **Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93**
[OJ L 091 03.04.2009 p.14](#)

[Joint Communiqué](#) following **EU-South Korea FTA talks in London - Free trade auto deal stalls**
[Financial Times 03.04.2009](#)

EU - USA Summit An **EU27 surplus** in trade in **goods** with the **USA of 63 bn euro** in **2008 Surplus** of **11 bn** in trade in **services** in **2007** ([Stat/09/47](#))

Nicaragua's Ortega says **EU acted** like 'shark' in **trade talks**
[EU Briefing 02-03.04.2009](#) (Bloomberg)

Russia WTO bid still **faces big US obstacles**
[EU Briefing 02-03.04.2009](#) (Reuters)

US abides by WTO ruling on **Thai, Indian shrimp**
[EU Briefing 02-03.04.2009](#) (Reuters)

G-20: Still no deadline for **global trade accord**
[Financial Times 03.04.2009 p.4](#)

Looming tariffs whet **appetite** for **delicacies - Specialty shops** stock up on **cheeses, chocolates** and **jams** in **case trade spat** is not settled by **April deadline** and **prices jump**

[Wall Street Journal Europe 31.03.2009](#)

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G-20: Sarkozy claims **credit** over **regulation plans**
[Financial Times 03.04.2009 p.5](#)

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Speech by Joe Borg: 'The **Common Fisheries Policy: getting the reform ball rolling**', Brussels

Strides forward for **responsible fishing** in the **Mediterranean**
[Midday Express 03.04.2009](#)

North East Atlantic : Only limited progress made to protect **Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems**
[Midday Express 03.04.2009](#)

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Gas Coordination Group: **supplies** in **South Eastern Europe** under **control** after **gas pipeline explosion**
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Mol/OMV: Blame Brussels, not the Austrians
[Financial Times 03.04.2009 p.8](#)

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[Speech](#) by **Stavros Dimas: 'Sustainable management of Europe's water resources is crucial'**, Brussels

Floods in Namibia: Civil Protection Mechanism activated following worst floods in decades
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MEPs vote to postpone vote on resolution on Arctic International Treaty (See the EP [Statement](#))

€ 220 million from EIB to finance first projects under China Climate Change Framework Loan ([BEI/09/53](#))

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EU signs **civil aviation agreement with Mongolia**
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Union citizenship and freedom of movement: MEPs slam Member States (See the EP [Statement](#))

Union citizenship: problems and prospects (See the EP [Statement](#))

European Parliament resolution on European conscience and totalitarianism (See the EP [Statement](#))

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[Remarks](#) by **José Manuel Durão Barroso: London G20 results: "much more ambitious than expected"**:
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[Memo](#) on **Preparation of Eurogroup and Informal Economic and Finance Ministers Council, Prague, 3 and 4 April 2009**

Euro rises sharply after ECB cuts interest rates by a quarter point (See the ECB [Statement](#))

[Financial Times 03.04.2009 p.1](#)

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[International Herald Tribune 03.04.2009 p.15](#)

ECB plans action to boost euro-zone

[Financial Times 03.04.2009 p.3](#)

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[Agenda](#) of the **Working Party on European Free Trade Association (EFTA) on 7 April 2009**

Commissioner **Hübner in Japan** (4-6 April) to **exchange ideas on success factors for innovation and sustainable development** ([IP/09/535](#))

Better relations with Belarus conditional on progress on freedom and democracy (See the EP [Statement](#))

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