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Commission approves joint acquisition of USP Group by Barclays and Royal Bank of Scotland ([IP/09/1075](#))

Commission clears acquisition of pharmexx by Celesio
[Midday Express 07.07.2009](#)

EU may open new antitrust cases in drug industry in July
[EU Briefing 06-07.07.2009 \(Bloomberg\)](#)

Bundeskartellamt reports on its activities in 2007 and 2008 (See the [Statement](#))

Bundeskartellamt publishes Interim Report on Fuel Sector Inquiry (02.07.2009 - See the [Statement](#))

Norwegian Competition Authority rejected a request by Pharmaq AS for a compulsory licence (See the [Statement](#))

BAIC plans Opel China plant
[Financial Times 07.07.2009 p.15](#)
[Wall Street Journal Europe 07.07.2009 p.7](#)

Telecoms face antitrust threat - USDOJ
[Wall Street Journal Europe 07.07.2009 p.8](#)

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Commission Decision of 10 December 2008 on State aid C 52/06 (ex NN 73/06, ex N 340/06) partially implemented by Poland for Odlewnia Żeliwa 'Śrem' SA
[OJ L 176 07.07.2009 p.7](#)

Authorisation for State aid pursuant to Articles 87 and 88 of the EC Treaty - Cases where the Commission raises no objections
[OJ C 154 07.07.2009 p.2](#)

Information communicated by Member States regarding State aid granted under Commission Regulation (EC) No [1857/2006](#) on the application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty to State aid to small and medium-sized enterprises active in the production of agricultural products and amending Regulation (EC) No [70/2001](#)
[OJ C 154 07.07.2009 p.6](#)

Commission approves French Temporary Framework risk-capital scheme ([IP/09/1094](#))

Commission approves prolongation and amendments of Dutch guarantee scheme for credit institutions
[Midday Express 07.07.2009](#)

EU Court fines Greece €2 mln over Olympic Airways aid (See Case [C-369/07](#))
[Wall Street Journal Europe 07.07.2009](#)

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[Minutes](#) of the CSD Meeting on EU-Transatlantic Trade Relation

[Minutes](#) of the CSD Meeting - EPA stocktaking: negotiations, signing and implementation

[Final draft](#) – Council Regulation concluding the partial interim review pursuant to Article 11(3) of Regulation (EC) No [384/96](#) of the anti-dumping duty on imports of certain graphite electrode systems originating in India

Commission notice concerning the date of application of the protocols on rules of origin providing for diagonal cumulation of origin between the Community, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey
[OJ C 154 07.07.2009 p.4](#)

Corrigendum to Council Regulation (EC) No [3290/94](#) of 22 December 1994 on the adjustments and transitional arrangements required in the agriculture sector in order to implement the agreements concluded during the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations

[OJ L 176 07.07.2009 p.27](#)

EU hits US biodiesel makers including ADM with 5-year tariffs (See EBB [Statement](#))

[EU Briefing 06-07.07.2009](#) (Bloomberg)

Anti-dumping cases are costly

[Financial Times 07.07.2009 p.11](#)

G8 nations make trade talks a priority

[Wall Street Journal Europe 07.07.2009 p.2](#)

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Commission Recommendation of 29 June 2009 on measures to improve the functioning of the single market

[OJ L 176 07.07.2009 p.17](#)

[Memo](#) on Informal Employment and Social Affairs Council, 8 & 9 July 2009, Jönköping (Sweden)

[Orgalime views](#) for a cost-effective and market-relevant European standardisation system

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Council [conclusions](#) on pro-cyclicality

CESR calls for evidence on use of credit ratings in the EU (See the [Call for Evidence](#))

Sweden wants to raise EU alcohol taxes

[EU Briefing 06-07.07.2009](#) (swedishwire)

Ministers support introduction of dynamic provisioning into European banking legislation

[Agence Europe 07.07.2009 p.7](#)

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Fink warns on EU hedge fund rules

[Financial Times 07.07.2009](#)

AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES

Wonky fruit & vegetables make a comeback! (See the EP [Statement](#) & the Copa Cogeca [reaction](#))

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Council approves recovery plan projects in the field of energy ([Press:204 Nr:11672/09](#))

Nabucco natural-gas pipeline project gathers momentum

[Agence Europe 07.07.2009 p.10](#)

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Algeria, Niger and Nigeria agree on construction of trans-Saharan gas pipeline

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Time for a new energy policy

[Wall Street Journal Europe 07.07.2009 p.15](#)

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Re: Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 - Chemicals - Registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemicals (REACH) - Concept of 'monomer substances' - Validity - Proportionality - Equal treatment

[Draft](#) - Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive [98/8/EC](#) concerning the placing of biocidal products on the market as regards the extension of certain time periods

[Speech](#) by Stavros Dimas: "Climate Change in times of economic crisis - the path to a successful climate conference in Copenhagen"

EU hopes G8 Summit will lead to new commitments on climate and food safety ([IP/09/1090](#) & [Speech/09/330](#))

[Agence Europe 07.07.2009 p.6](#)

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European hot air – Cap and trade enthusiasts think twice

[Wall Street Journal 07.07.2009 p.13](#)

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Consumers: EU-wide complaints-classifying system to speed up policy response to failing markets ([IP/09/1092](#))

EFSA - [Basic Information](#) for the Development of the Animal Welfare Risk Assessment Guidelines

EFSA - [24th list](#) of substances for food contact materials

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[Wall Street Journal Europe 07.07.2009 p.1](#)

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[Wall Street Journal Europe 07.07.2009 p.21](#)

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Commission provides further **€2 million** in humanitarian aid for conflict-affected people in Georgia ([IP/09/1093](#))