

## COMPETITION

Prior notification of a concentration  
(Case COMP/M.5697 - **Alstom Holding/Alstom Hydro Holding**)  
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**Commission** accepts **commitments** from **Rambus** lowering **memory chip royalty** rates ([IP/09/1897](#) & [FaQ Memo/09/544](#))

[Opening remarks](#) by **Neelie Kroes** at **press conference, 9th December 2009**

**JV of BHP and Rio Tinto** intensifies **concentration of iron ore market** - [EUROFER](#) warns about **pricing power** of the **new company**

**EU antitrust chief slams US senators on Oracle deal**  
[EU Briefing 08-09.12.2009](#) (AFP)

EU extends **review** of planned **Kraft, Cadbury** deal  
[EU Briefing 08-09.12.2009](#) (Reuters)

**Rival dismisses antitrust issues in Oracle/Sun deal**  
[Financial Times 09.12.2009p.17](#)

**Bundeskartellamt** - [List](#) of **Notified Merger Projects**

**UK -Competition Commission [statement](#) on Brightsolid/ Friends Reunited**

## 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 800/2008** declaring certain **categories of aid compatible** with the **common market** in **application of Articles 87 and 88** of the **Treaty** (General Block Exemption Regulation)  
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## TRADE &amp; CUSTOMS

Judgment of the Court of First Instance of 09.12.2009 in Case *T-1/07, Apache Footwear Ltd, Apache II Footwear Ltd (Qingxin), vs. Council of the European Union*, supported by **European Commission**, by **Confédération européenne de l'industrie de la chaussure (CEC)**, and by **BA.LA. di Lanciotti Vittorio & C. Sas**

**Re:** Dumping - Imports of footwear with uppers of leather originating in China and Vietnam - Market economy status - Community interest

[Agenda](#) of the **6th Session** of the **Customs Code Committee - Import and Export Formalities**, 17-18 December 2009

[Agenda](#) of the **Working Party on Customs Union** (Customs Legislation and Policy) on **16 December 2009**

[Agenda](#) of the **24th Customs Code Committee** (Mechanical / Miscellaneous Sector) - **16 to 18 December 2009**

[Draft](#) - **Council Decision** on the **conclusion** of an **Agreement** in the **form** of a **Protocol** establishing a **dispute settlement mechanism applicable to disputes** under the **trade provisions** of the **Euro-Mediterranean Agreement** establishing an **association** between the **European Communities** and their **Member States**, of the one part, and the **Republic of Tunisia**, of the other part

## INTERNAL MARKET

[Main results](#) of 2984th Council meeting General Affairs, 7 December 2009

European Competitiveness Report 2009 ([Volume I](#), [Volume II](#), [Volume III](#))

9 December 2009 - International Anti-Corruption Day: Say "No" to corruption ([IP/09/1899](#))

Professional qualifications: Commission provides improved information and guidance on how EU rules work in practice ([IP/09/1898](#))

Commissioner Samecki addresses major conference on cohesion policy and territorial development in Kiruna, Sweden (10-11 December) ([IP/09/1894](#))

## FINANCE & TAXATION

European Commissioners and President of the Development Committee at the European Parliament launch debate on how to improve tax revenue collection in developing countries ([IP/09/1895](#) & [Memo/09/545](#))

EU nominees to be pressed on plans ([Financial Times 09.12.2009 p.7](#))

## AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES

Fisheries: EU/Norway consultations for 2010 – a real missed opportunity ([IP/09/1900](#))

## ENERGY

Commission approves over €1,5bn for 15 CCS and off-shore wind projects to support European economic recovery ([IP/09/1896](#))

List of 15 energy projects for European economic recovery ([Memo/09/542](#))

Selection of offshore wind and carbon capture and storage projects for the European Energy Programme for Recovery ([Memo/09/543](#))

Power giant still looking to expand – An investigation by Brussels is unlikely to hold CEZ back from its expansion ([Financial Times 09.12.2009 p.20](#))

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Statement by Commissioner Almunia on Greece ([Memo/09/541](#))

## FUTURE OF EUROPE & INSTITUTIONS

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## ACCESSION & EXT. RELATIONS

2985th Council meeting Foreign Affairs of 8 December 2009, conclusions on :  
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Catherine Ashton on the elections in Bolivia ([IP/09/1892](#))

EU backs down over future of Jerusalem ([Financial Times 09.12.2009](#))

Cyprus adds fresh barriers to Turks' EU accession path ([Financial Times 09.12.2009 p.6](#))