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Non-opposition to a notified concentration (Case COMP/[M.6535](#) - **Glory/Talaris Topco**)

Non-opposition to a notified concentration (Case COMP/[M.6648](#) - **CGI/Logica**)

Non-opposition to a notified concentration (Case COMP/[M.6672](#) - **HHR Euro C.V./Starwood/Le Meridien Nuremberg**)

Non-opposition to a notified concentration (Case COMP/[M.6603](#) - **Hon Hai/Sharp /Sharp Display Products**)

Non-opposition to a notified concentration (Case COMP/[M.6608](#) - **Tereos/Wilmar /JV**)

Non-opposition to a notified concentration (Case COMP/[M.6616](#) - **Lion Capital/Alain Afflelou Group**)

Prior notification of a concentration (Case COMP/[M.6619](#) - **TSR Recycling/HKS Scrap Metals**)

Prior notification of a concentration (Case COMP/[M.6638](#) - **ABN AMRO/Rabobank/Landsbanki/Heiploeg**)

Commission sends Statement of Objections to **suspected participants** in a **cartel** for the **supply of computer CD and DVD drives**

Commission approves acquisition of part of **French insurance company Gan Eurocourtage** by rival **Allianz of Germany**

Commission approves acquisition of **NDS** by **Cisco** in **pay-TV sector**

Commission approves joint venture of **Tauron** and **KGHM** in **Polish electricity sector**

Commission approves proposed acquisition of **Plastal France** by **Faurecia** in **automotive supply sector**

Commission opens in-depth investigation into **proposed acquisition** of **TNT Express** by **UPS** (20.07.2012)

Commission clears the creation by **Lagardère** and **Bouygues** of a **joint venture in online advertising**

Commission clears creation of **steel wire joint venture**

French TV takeovers approved by the Competition Authority
[Wall Street Journal Europe 24.07.2012 p.23](#)

EU mergers and takeovers (July 23)
[EU Briefing 23-24.07.2012 \(Reuters\)](#)

STATE AID

Authorisation for **State aid** pursuant to **Articles 107** and **108** of the TFEU - **Cases** where the **Commission** raises **no objections**

Commission Decision of **24 October 2011** on **State aid SA 32600** (2011/C) - **France** - **Restructuring aid** to **SeaFrance SA** granted by the **SNCF**

Commission Decision of **9 March 2012** on **State aid SA.12522** (C 37/08) - **France** - **Enforcing the Sernam 2 Decision**

State aid - Germany - **State aid No SA.32833** - C/2011 (ex NN/2011) - **Alleged State aid** to **Frankfurt Hahn airport** - Invitation to **submit comments** pursuant to Article 108(2) TFEU

State aid - Germany - State aid No SA.31550 (2012/C) (ex 2012/NN) - Nürburgring - [Invitation](#) to submit comments pursuant to [Article 108\(2\)](#) TFEU

State aid - Italy - State aid No SA.33037 (2012/C) (ex 2011/N) - Retroactive compensation of SIMET SpA for public transport services provided between 1987 & 2003 - [Invitation](#) to submit comments pursuant to [Article 108\(2\)](#) of the TFEU

State aid - Germany - State aid No SA.27339 (2012/C) (ex 2011/NN) - Alleged State aid to Zweibrücken airport - [Invitation](#) to submit comments pursuant to [Article 108\(2\)](#) of the TFEU

Consultation on the draft communication on short-term export-credit insurance - [Letter](#) from BusinessEurope to Commissioner Joaquin Almunia

TRADE & CUSTOMS

[Agenda](#) of the Working Party on Trade Questions on 26 July 2012

[Summary report](#) of the 197th meeting of the Origin Section of the Customs code Committee of 27 April 2012

[Explanatory Notes](#) to the Combined Nomenclature (0806 20 30 Sultanas) of the European Union

Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No [672/2012](#) of 16 July 2012 extending the definitive anti-dumping duty imposed by Implementing Regulation (EU) No [791/2011](#) on imports of certain open mesh fabrics of glass fibres originating in the People's Republic of China to imports of certain open mesh fabrics of glass fibres consigned from Malaysia, whether declared as originating in Malaysia or not

EU Trade [Management](#) of Bilateral Trade Relations

EU- Japan : A trade deal worth making
[Financial Times 23.07.2012](#)

EU solar groups seek China probe
[Financial Times 24.07.2012](#)

China urges EU not to abuse trade remedies to disrupt trade
[EU Briefing 23-24.07.2012](#) ([tuoitrenews.vn](#))

WTO – Pascal [Lamy](#) hails Russia's WTO accession ratification

WTO - Panel [established](#) on China's rare earths exports

INTERNAL MARKET & GENERAL

Protecting IP Rights: EU customs detain over [100 million fake goods](#) at EU borders
(*FaQ* : [Memo/12/592](#))

FINANCIAL SERVICES & TAXATION

EBA - [Updated list](#) of identified Financial Conglomerates

ESMA announces an [open hearing](#) on the AIFMD

ESMA publishes an [update](#) to the Q&A in the area of Prospectuses

INDUSTRY, ENTERPRISES, RESEARCH

European Institute of Innovation and Technology: Commission appoints [12 new board members](#)

ENVIRONMENT

Directive [2012/18/EU](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 on the control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances, amending and subsequently repealing Council Directive [96/82/EC](#)

Directive [2012/19/EU](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE)

Commission Regulation (EU) No [674/2012](#) of 23 July 2012 amending Regulation (EC) No [1418/2007](#) concerning the export for recovery of certain waste to certain non-OECD countries

HEALTH & CONSUMER PROTECTION

SCHER - [Assessment](#) of the Tolerable Daily Intake of Barium

Special euro-barometer on attitudes of Europeans towards tobacco - Country factsheets [available](#)

EFSA - [Statement](#) on the safety assessment of the exposure to butylated hydroxyanisole E 320 (BHA) by applying a new exposure assessment methodology

EFSA invites [comments](#) on proposed dietary reference values for energy

EFSA - Reasoned opinion on the review of the existing MRLs

- for [petroleum oils](#) (CAS 92062-35-6)
- for [paraffin oil](#) (CAS 64742-54-7) according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005
- for [tetraconazole](#) in rape seed

EFSA - Scientific Opinion on the safety and efficacy of niacin (nicotinic acid and nicotinamide) as a feed additive for all animal species based on a dossier submitted by [Lonza Benelux BV](#), by [EUROPE-ASIA Import Export GmbH](#) and by [Vertellus Specialties Belgium BV](#)

EFSA - Conclusion on the peer review of the pesticide risk assessment of confirmatory data submitted for the active substance [benfluralin](#)

EFSA - Scientific Opinion on safety and efficacy of [cobalt compounds \(E3\)](#) as feed additives for all animal species: Cobaltous acetate tetrahydrate, basic cobaltous carbonate monohydrate and cobaltous sulphate heptahydrate, based on a dossier submitted by TREAC EEIG

EFSA - Scientific Opinion on safety and efficacy of:

- [coated granulated cobaltous carbonate monohydrate](#) as feed additive for all species
- [bentonite](#) as a technological feed additive for all species
- [Ronozyme WX](#) (endo-1,4-beta-xylanase) as a feed additive for poultry, piglets (weaned) and pigs for fattening
- [furanones & tetrahydrofurfuryl derivatives](#)

TELECOMS & MEDIAS

Commission seeks information from 4 Member States on their implementation of [Audiovisual Media Services Directive](#)

Commission opens [public consultation](#) on preservation of the open internet (net neutrality)

Commission [consults](#) on a future EU Network and Information Security legislative initiative

JUSTICE & HOME AFFAIRS

Commission amends [visa facilitation agreement](#) for citizens of Ukraine

EURO & ECONOMY

Moody's warns eurozone core - [Statement](#) by the President of the Eurogroup

[July 2012](#): Flash Consumer Confidence Indicator

1st quarter 2012 [compared](#) with 4th quarter 2011 - Euro area government debt up to 88.2% of GDP - EU27 up to 83.4%

Spain blames Mario - It's not the ECB's job to bail out Madrid

[Wall Street Journal Europe 24.07.2012 p.11](#)

FUTURE OF EUROPE

Ostpolitik will keep Europe on the rails
[Financial Times 24.07.2012](#)

Very British eurosceptic gains viral following

[Financial Times 24.07.2012](#)

EXTERNAL RELATIONS

Main Result: 3183rd Foreign Affairs Council meeting - Brussels, 23 July 2012

- [Remarks](#) by H.R.Catherine Ashton
- [Statement](#) by H.R. Catherine Ashton
- on [Libya](#)
- on the Process for Ending the Transition in [Somalia](#)
- on [Lebanon](#)
- on the [Roadmap](#) for Sudan and South Sudan
- on [common security](#) and defence policy

EU hits **Syria** with **fresh sanctions** (See Conclusions on [Syria](#), on the limitation of [arms deliveries](#) to Syria, the [Decision/2012/420/CFSP](#), [Decision/2012/424/CFSP](#) & [Regulation 673/2012](#), and the [Notice](#))

[Wall Street Journal Europe 24.07.2012 p.9](#)

Europe [responds](#) to the acute **humanitarian** needs in **Syria**

Eastern Partnership Foreign Ministers Meeting, Brussels, 23 July 2012

- [Remarks](#) by H.R.Catherine Ashton
- [Chair's conclusions](#)
- [Joint Statement](#)

EU poised to **suspend** Zimbabwe **sanctions** (See Conclusions on [Zimbabwe](#))

European Union and Angola sign a [new cooperation agreement](#) - "Joint Way Forward Angola - European Union"

[Statement](#) by the **spokesperson** of H.R. Catherine Ashton on the **death** of **prominent Cuban defender of Human Rights Oswaldo Payá**

Conflict [prevention](#), [crisis](#) management and **peace building: a busy year for the EU Instrument for Stability**

[Statement](#) by Catherine Ashton ahead of the **meeting** of EEAS Deputy Secretary General Helga Schmid with Dr. Bagheri of Iran