

COMPETITION

Judgment of the Court of 12.12.2013 in Case [C-327/12](#), **Ministero dello Sviluppo economico, Autorità per la vigilanza sui contratti pubblici di lavori, servizi e forniture** Vs. **SOA Nazionale Costruttori - Organismo di Attestazione SpA**, intervening parties: **Associazione nazionale Società Organismi di Attestazione** (Unionsoa), **SOA CQOP SpA**
Re: Articles 101, 102 & 106 TFEU - Public undertakings and undertakings to which special or exclusive rights have been granted - Undertakings entrusted with the operation of services of general economic interest - Definition - Bodies tasked with checking and certifying compliance by undertakings carrying out public works with the conditions required by the law - Article 49 TFEU - Freedom of establishment - Restriction - Justification - Protection of recipients of services - Status of certification services

[Guidelines](#) on the **applicability of Article 53 of the EEA Agreement to horizontal cooperation agreements**

Commission clears acquisition of ACC Austria by Secop (case number [M.6996](#))
[Midday Express 12.12.2013](#)

Gazprom settlement expected
[European Voice 12.12.2013 p.11](#)

MEPs to demand rewrite of proposal on regulating credit card companies
[European Voice 12.12.2013 p.4](#)

J&J and Novartis consider appeal against €16 fine
[Financial Times 12.12.2013 p.16](#)

Telecoms firms wary of Commission's hard line on mergers
[European Voice 12.12.2013 p.11](#)

Microsoft scores Skype ruling

[Wall Street Journal Europe 12.12.2013](#)

OFT - [Pharmaceutical group](#) agrees to pay over £380k in care home medicine cartel

OFT - [Completed acquisition](#) by Sportech plc of Data Tote Limited

STATE AID

Brussels to probe UK nuclear plant deal
[Financial Times 12.12.2013](#)

TRADE & CUSTOMS

Judgment of the Court of 12.12.2013 in Case [C-450/12](#), **HARK GmbH & Co. KG Kamin- und Kachelofenbau** Vs. **Hauptzollamt Duisburg**
Re: CCT - Tariff classification - Combined Nomenclature - Headings 7307 and 7321 - Stove pipe sets - Notions of 'parts' of stoves and 'tube or pipe fittings'

Judgment of the Court of 12.12.2013 in Case [C-116/12](#), **Ioannis Christodoulou, Nikolaos Christodoulou, Afi N. Christodoulou AE** Vs. **Elliniko Dimosio**
Re: Customs value - Goods exported to a third country - Export refunds - Processing in the exporting country regarded as non-substantial - Re-export of goods to the EU - Determination of the customs value - Transaction value

[Final Draft](#) - **Council Implementing Regulation** 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 **P.R. of China** to **imports of certain open mesh fabrics of glass fibres** consigned from **India** and **Indonesia**, whether **declared** as originating in **India** and **Indonesia** or not

[Revised Agenda](#) of the **209th meeting** of the **Origin Section** of the **Customs Code Committee** on **19 and 20 December 2013**

Proposal for a **Regulation** of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council **Regulation** (EC) No [55/2008](#) introducing **autonomous trade preferences** for the **Republic of Moldova** - [Outcome](#) of the EP's **first reading** (Strasbourg, 9 to 12 December 2013)

Notice of initiation of an [anti-subsidy proceeding](#) concerning **imports** of certain **filament glass fibre products** (CN codes: 7019 11 00, ex 7019 12 00 and 7019 31 10) **originating** in the **P.R. of China** (See also GlassFibreEurope [Statement](#))

Commission Implementing **Regulation** (EU) No [1322/2013](#) of **11.12.2013** on the **granting of unlimited duty-free access** to the **Union** for **2014** to certain **goods** originating in **Norway** resulting from the **processing of agricultural products** covered by **Council Regulation** (EC) No [1216/2009](#)

EU Trade Commissioner to [participate](#) in **Pacific Ministerial Meeting**

INTERNAL MARKET & GENERAL

Council Decision of **10.12.2013** amending the **Council's Rules of Procedure**

[Speech](#) by **Johannes Hahn** - **Reform of Regional Policy: A reinforced role for European cities!**

FINANCE & TAXATION

Taxing the Digital Economy: First meeting of High Level Expert Group
[Midday Express 12.12.2013](#)

[Answer](#) given by **Mr Šemeta** to **MEP question** on **VAT zero rates**

Basic bank accounts for all (See the [EP Statement](#))

Sharing data to fight tax evasion (See the [EP Statement](#))

European financial tax suffers **backlash**
[Financial Times 12.12.2013 p.24](#)

EU approves Nouy as bank supervisor
(See EBF [reaction](#))
[Wall Street Journal Europe 12.12.2013](#)

EBF fears negative impact of **Volcker Rule**

INDUSTRY, ENTERPRISES, RESEARCH

Posting of workers: EU safeguards against social dumping ([Memo/13/1138](#))

October 2013 compared with **September 2013** - **Industrial production** down by **1.1%** in **euro area** - **Down** by **0.7%** in **EU28** ([Stat/13/189](#))

Chemicals sector applauds **EU Horizon 2020** launch (See [Cefic Statement](#))

AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES

Commission publishes [report](#) on **EU Dairy Sector conference**
[Midday Express 12.12.2013](#)

Commission to recover €335 million of **CAP expenditure** from the **Member States** ([IP/13/1242](#))

ENERGY

[Answer](#) given by **Mr Oettinger** to **MEP question** on **Relevance** of the **REFIT programme** for harmonising **energy policy**

Retrospective measures harming **Europe's PV industry**, says **EPIA report**
[EU Briefing 11-12.12.2013](#) (pv-magazine)

Europe's biomorass
[Financial Times 12.12.2013 p.8](#)

ENVIRONMENT

[Agreement](#) reached on **access** to the **market of biocidal products**

Preparation of the **Environment Council** on **13.12.2013** ([Memo/13/1139](#))

[Speech](#) by Janez Potočnik - Relaunching the economy through green growth

Sustainable Development in the EU - A statistical assessment of progress in sustainable development ([Stat/13/191](#) and the [Report](#))

HEALTH & CONSUMER PROTECTION

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No [1321/2013](#) of 10.12.2013 establishing the Union list of authorised smoke flavouring primary products for use as such in or on foods and/or for the production of derived smoke flavourings

SCENIHR - Minutes of Working Group Meeting on [dental amalgam](#) of 19.08.2013

SCENIHR - Minutes of Working Group Meeting on [Nanosilver](#) of 20.08.2013

New Commission Implementing Regulation on [Risk Assessment](#) of GM plant applications: novel elements and challenges

EFSA - Opinion on field trials for bovine [tuberculosis](#) vaccination

EFSA - Assessment of the potential establishment of the [apple snail](#) in the EU

The Coreper endorsed the [provisional agreement](#) reached between the Council and the EP on access to genetic resources

TELECOMS & INFORMATION SOCIETY

Commission formally requests Italian telecoms regulator to amend or withdraw its proposal for wholesale broadband price reductions ([IP/13/1247](#))

EURO & ECONOMY

Council ready to conclude negotiations with the Parliament on [banking sector rules](#) (See Michel Barnier [Statement](#))
[Financial Times 12.12.2013](#)

Statement by Olli Rehn on the publication of results of stress tests of Slovenian banks ([Memo/13/1142](#))

GDP per capita in PPS in 2012 - Most Member States had GDP per capita between 70% and 130% of the EU28 average ([Stat/13/190](#))

ECB: "Independence without democratic scrutiny is dangerous" (See the EP [Statement](#))

[Speech](#) by Mario Draghi: Hearing before the EP Plenary on the occasion of the adoption of the Resolution on the ECB Annual Report 2012 (See the EP [Statement](#))

[Interview](#) of Peter Praet with the Financial Times

[Interview](#) by Benoît Cœuré with Die Zeit

ECB set to act on sovereign bond risks
[Financial Times 12.12.2013 p.1](#)

European Central Bank: Credibility test
[Financial Times 12.12.2013 p.7](#)

FUTURE OF EUROPE

Future of Europe: Viviane Reding to debate with citizens in Vilnius ([IP/13/1235](#))

ACCESSION & EXT. RELATIONS

Council [conclusions](#) on report from the Commission on EU support for democratic governance, with a focus on the governance initiative

Eastern Partnership: progress in deep democracy and human rights rewarded with additional funding ([IP/13/1245](#))

EU enhances its [comprehensive approach](#) to external conflicts and crises ([IP/13/1236](#))

Ukraine and Iran vindicate Ashton's deft diplomacy
[Financial Times 12.12.2013 p.9](#)