

COMPETITION

Judgment of the Court of 04.12.2014 in Case [C-413/13](#), **FNV Kunsten Informatie en Media Vs. Staat der Nederlanden**

Re: Reference for a preliminary ruling - Competition - Article 101 TFEU - Substantive scope - Collective labour agreement - Provision laying down minimum rates for independent service providers - Definition of 'undertaking' - Definition of 'employee'

Prior [notification](#) of a concentration (p.16)
(Case [M.7403](#) - **CSSC Investment/Wärtsilä Dutch Holding/Wärtsilä Switzerland**)

Commission approves the **creation** of **several joint ventures** between **Santander** and **Peugeot** ([M.7369](#))
[Midday Express 04.12.2014](#)

Commission clears **acquisition** of **Samancor** by **Anglo American** and **BHP Billiton** ([M.7399](#))
[Midday Express 04.12.2014](#)

Commission clears **acquisition** of **remaining shares** in domestic appliances producer **BSH** by **Robert Bosch** ([M.7425](#))
[Midday Express 04.12.2014](#)

Antitrust: Commission sends **Statement of Objections** to **Pometon** for **suspected participation** in a **steel abrasives cartel** ([IP/14/2361](#))

CMA - **Full decision** published in [care home medicine](#) cartel case

[Speech](#) given by **Alex Chisholm** (*CMA Chief Executive*) on the **role of competition** in **banking markets**

Netherlands - **ACM** closes [investigation](#) into **AstraZeneca**

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[Information communicated](#) by the **EFTA States** regarding **State aid granted** under the **Act** referred to in point **1j** of **Annex XV** to the **EEA Agreement** (p.5)

EFTA - State aid - [Decision](#) to raise **no objections** (p.7)

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Commission - [Annual Report](#) on the **Implementation** of the **EU-Colombia/Peru Trade Agreement**

Notice of initiation of an [anti-dumping proceeding](#) concerning **imports of tartaric acid** originating in the **People's Republic of China**, limited to **one Chinese exporting producer, Hangzhou Bioking Biochemical Engineering Co. Ltd** (p.9)

Council conclusions on **EU strategy and action plan on customs risk management:** tackling **risks**, strengthening **supply chain security** and facilitating **trade**

Rules of origin: the [value limits 2015](#) for the [Pan-Euro-Mediterranean zone](#), the **Republic of Moldova**, [Chile](#) and [Central America](#) are **online**

The **report** of the [second phase](#) of the **European Binding Tariff Information** monitoring is **published**

TTIP "[fresh start](#)" means **more clarity, debate, and realism**, **Malmström** tells **MEPs** ([Speech](#) by Cecilia Malmström)

Self-organised [European Citizens' Initiative](#) against **US and Canada trade deals** tops a **million signatures** in **record time**

Congressional Financial Services Committee leaders: Exclude ISDS from US-EU deal (See the [Letter](#))

Investor-state dispute settlement in Europe

[EU Briefing 03-04.12.2014](#) ([irblog.eu](#))

INTERNAL MARKET & GENERAL

Council [conclusions](#) on Smart Regulation

EP Committee Chairs and Commissioners discuss [legislative priorities](#) for 2015

Europe's patents throttled by red tape
[Financial Times 04.12.2014](#)

FINANCE & TAXATION

ESMA to [cooperate](#) with regional regulators on Australian CCPs (See the ESMA-ASIC-RBA [MoU](#))

UK 'Google tax' targets multinationals -
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[Wall Street Journal Europe 04.12.2014](#)

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[Background note](#) - **Competitiveness Council meeting - Brussels, 4 and 5 December 2014**

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EU companies must boost R&D investment to stay globally competitive
([IP/14/2342](#) & [Memo/14/2347](#))

MEPs back deal with Council on [automatic emergency call system](#) for cars

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Commissioner **Andriukaitis** welcomes provisional political agreement on **GMO cultivation** ([Statement/14/2363](#))

[Speech](#) by **Phil Hogan**: **Simplification as a top priority in 2015**

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Climate Action: Commissioner Arias Cañete ahead of the Lima climate
[Midday Express 04.12.2014](#)

Joint [Statement](#) EU-US Energy Council

[Answer](#) given by **Mr Arias Cañete: Energy poverty in Europe - [P-007257/2014](#)**

South Stream - Serbia burnt by clash between Russia and West
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Germany moves to speed renewable energy goal
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British Gas told to pay [£11.1m penalty](#) by Ofgem

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Elimination of micro-plastics in products - an urgent need - [Information](#) from the Belgian, Dutch, Austrian and Swedish delegations, supported by the Luxembourg delegation

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EFSA - Reasoned opinion on the review of the existing MRLs for [tolclofos-methyl](#)

Echa committees begin to debate BPA restriction (See Rac [agenda](#), Seac [agenda](#) & Seac PBT working group [report](#))

Echa Board of Appeal dismisses [vanadium data-sharing](#) dispute

Sweden to propose CLH for antifouling substance

DIGITAL & INFORMATION SOCIETY

[Speech](#) by **Günther Oettinger: Change and Innovation**

EU to review **Regulation of digital sector** next year

[Wall Street Journal Europe 04.12.2014](#)

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3352nd Council meeting (TTE) - Brussels of 3 December 2014

[Council Press release - 03.12.2014](#)

Single [European Sky](#): **Council** agrees its **position**

Council [conclusions](#) on **Transport infrastructure** and the **Trans European Network**

British-Spanish Gibraltar dispute hindering **EU airspace reform**

[EU Briefing 03-04.12.2014](#) (Reuters)

[Air passenger transport](#) in the **EU28** - **Record number of air passengers carried** at more than **840 million** in **2013** - **London/Heathrow** continued to be the **busiest passenger airport**

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Re: Area of freedom, security and justice - Judicial cooperation in civil matters - Regulation (EC) No 44/2001 - Anti-suit injunction issued by an arbitral tribunal situated in a Member State - Prohibition on initiating proceedings before a court of another Member State - Injunction to limit the claims made in judicial proceedings - Right of a court of the second Member State to refuse to recognise the arbitral award - Independent judgment of a court on its jurisdiction over a dispute falling within the scope of Regulation No 44/2001 - Safeguard of the primacy of EU law and of the effectiveness of Regulation No 44/2001

Exchange of [Views](#) between **Dimitris Avramopoulos** and **MEPs** at the **EP's LIBE Committee**

Cameron will not need to persuade Merkel

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New European Data Protection Supervisor and Assistant Supervisor [appointed](#)

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Eurozone recovery stutters in **November**

[Financial Times 04.12.2014](#)

China expresses '**genuine**' **interest** in **EU's new investment plan**

[Wall Street Journal Europe 04.12.2014](#)

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[Agenda](#) for: **Meeting of the Foreign Relations Counsellors** on **04.12.2014**

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EU supports **Bosnia and Herzegovina's integration path**

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[Speech](#) by **Johannes Hahn: Enlargement policy**: The **EU** delivers when the **EU-aspiring countries** deliver

EU, US present **Russia** with **united sanctions, energy front**

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