

Competition

Non-opposition to a notified concentration
(Case [M.8121](#) - Triton/Fläkt Woods)

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case [M.8091](#) - SEB Internationale/WMF Group)

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case [M.8158](#) - Metro/Colruyt France)

Summary of Commission **Decision** of **01.09.2016** declaring a **concentration compatible** with the **internal market**
(Case [M.7758](#) - Hutchison 3G Italy/WIND/JV)

- Final Report of the Hearing Officer
- Opinion of the Advisory Committee on mergers

- [M.8105](#) - Marmedsa / UECC / UECC Iberica (public version of decision published)
- [M.8015](#) - Synthos / INEOS Styrenics (public version of decision published)

Commission clears **acquisition** of **Rackspace Hosting** by **Apollo Management** ([M.8215](#))
[Midday Express 24.10.2016](#)

Commission clears **joint acquisition** of **Petco** by **CVC** and **CPPIB** in **pet retail sector** ([M.8184](#))
[Midday Express 24.10.2016](#)

Commission clears **joint acquisition** of furniture producer **Cofel** by **Pikolin** and **Steinhoff** ([M.8164](#))
[Midday Express 24.10.2016](#)

EU extends **LSE-Deutsche Boerse** merger **review** until **March 6** ([M.7995](#))
[EU Briefing 21-24.10.2016](#) (Reuters)

Syngenta slumps on **concern** of protracted **ChemChina** EU **review**
[EU Briefing 21-24.10.2016](#) (Bloomberg)

Brussels nears **settlement** with **Gazprom** after **5-year probe**

[Financial Times 24.10.2016 p.3](#)

AT&T-Time Warner face **uphill battle** in **Washington** - \$85.4bn takeover poses first test of next administration's competition policy

[Financial Times 24.10.2016 p.1](#)

EU queries **industry** on **Microsoft-LinkedIn** deal (See [M.8124](#))

[Wall Street Journal Europe 24.10.2016](#)

CMA submission to **BIS** inquiry on the **Government's industrial strategy**

State Aid

Commission approves **German support** to **cogenerated electricity**; opens **in-depth investigation** into **surcharge reductions** ([IP/16/3525](#))

Commission approves **German electricity demand response scheme** ([IP/16/3524](#))

Commission approves **€60 million public support** for **environmentally friendly buses** and related **infrastructure** in **Portugal** ([IP/16/3521](#))

Trade & Customs

Draft - Commission Proposal for an **amendment** of the **Explanatory Notes** to the **Combined Nomenclature**

- 8474 80 90 - [TAXUD/2505592/2016](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the **classification** of :

- 8525 80 19 - [TAXUD/2505898/2016](#)

- 3917 33 00 - [TAXUD/2505833/2016](#)

- 8517 62 00 - [TAXUD/2505964/2016](#)

- 8431 49 80 - [TAXUD/3798618/2016](#)

Council **Decision** (EU) [2016/1876](#) of **13.10.2016** on the **position** to be adopted on **behalf** of the **European Union** within the **Association Committee in Trade configuration** established by the **Association Agreement** between the EU and the **European Atomic Energy Community** and their **Member States**, of the one part, and the **Republic of Moldova**, of the other

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) [2016/1878](#) of **21.10.2016** determining that the **temporary suspension** of the **preferential customs duty** established under the **stabilisation mechanism** for **bananas** of the **Agreement** establishing an **Association** between the EU and its **Member States**, on the one **hand**, and **Central America** on the other, is **not appropriate** for **imports** of **bananas** originating in **Guatemala** for the year **2016**

[Report](#) of the **15th round** of negotiations for the **TTIP**

EU [agri-food trade](#) figures in August **2016** show **increase** in **pig meat exports**
[Midday Express 24.10.2016](#)

EU punished **Lanka** through **GSP+** **Ranil** will **pull it off**
[EU Briefing 21-24.10.2016](#) (Daily Mirror)

Ceta trade talks head towards **Monday crunch time**
[Financial Times 24.10.2016 p.2](#)
[Wall Street Journal Europe 24.10.2016](#)

Canada-EU trade accord teeters on **verge of collapse**
[Financial Times 22-23.10.2016 p.2](#)

Wallonia's political intrigues underpin **EU-Canada pact** travails
[Financial Times 22-23.10.2016](#)

Wallonia's stand on **trade** spells **trouble** for **Brexit**
[Financial Times 24.10.2016 p.8](#)

Internal Market & General

[Investment Plan](#) for **Europe: Just** under **€ 600 million** boost to **investment** with **4 agreements** across **three countries**

[Midday Express 24.10.2016](#)

Financial Services & Taxation

[Draft](#): **Commission Delegated Regulation** (EU) No .../.. supplementing **Directive 2013/36/EU** of the **European Parliament** and of the **Council** with regard to **regulatory technical standards** for benchmarking **portfolio assessment standards** and **assessment sharing procedures**

EBA [calls](#) for a **simplified** and **more harmonised large exposures regime**

Praise for **Open Europe's** [new report](#) showing the **true value** of the **financial services passport**

Brussels event blasts **poor-value fund products**
[Financial Times \(fm\) 24.10.2016 p.3](#)

Brexit: BBA says **small lenders plan** to leave **UK before Christmas**
[Financial Times 24.10.2016](#)

Brexit threatens **UK fund management's global influence**
[Financial Times \(fm\) 24.10.2016](#)

Energy

[Agenda](#) for: **Working Party on Energy** of **27.10.2016**

[Speech](#) by **Arias Cañete** at the **Business Europe Power Market Event**

Environment & Climate Change

[Agenda](#) for: **Water Framework Directive Article 21 Committee** of **28.10.2016**

Commission supports **ambitious global actions** to tackle **greenhouse gas emissions** in the **maritime sector**

EU authorities increase **pressure** on **Volkswagen** over **dieselgate**
[Financial Times 24.10.2016 p.13](#)

Health, Food & Products Safety

Human and Animal Health: Evaluation of the Antimicrobial Resistance Action Plan shows [clear added value](#) of European action

[Midday Express 24.10.2016](#)

Crossing a border for a medical treatment: Commission publishes data from 23 Member States

[Midday Express 24.10.2016](#)

Developmental neurotoxicity: OECD/EFSA experts discuss non-animal test methods

EFSA - Outcome of the consultation on confirmatory data used in risk assessment for disodium phosphonate

EFSA - Scientific opinion on GM cotton GHB119

Fish to fork: a need to implement changes in the food system (See [EEA Report](#))

Justice, Home Affairs & Migrations

Orban invokes 1956 Hungarian uprising to resist EU empire building

[Financial Times 24.10.2016 p.2](#)

[Wall Street Journal Europe 24.10.2016](#)

EU and Nigeria to begin talks on sending economic migrants home - Officials seek deal to stem flow from the continent to Europe

[Financial Times 24.10.2016 p.2](#)

Euro, ECB, Economy

European Commission approves new financial assistance programme for the Turkish Cypriot Community

[Midday Express 24.10.2016](#)

Decisions [taken](#) by the **Governing Council** of the **ECB** (in addition to decisions setting interest rates)

Government debt fell to **91.2%** of **GDP** in **euro area** - **Down** to **84.3%** of **GDP** in **EU28**

Seasonally adjusted government deficit down to 1.5% of GDP in the euro area - Down to 1.8% of GDP in the EU28

Future of Europe & Brexit

European Council conclusions of **20-21 October 2016** ([Remarks](#) by Donald Tusk)

David Jones discusses EU-UK relations in preparation for Brexit

May's first EU summit ends with warning of rough road ahead (See PM Theresa May' [Statement](#))

[Financial Times 22-23.10.2016 p.2](#)

Swiss battle offers clues for Brexit - Talks with EU started badly while British vote to leave the bloc raised the stakes

[Financial Times 24.10.2016 p.3](#)

Theresa May set to reject flexible Brexit deal for Scotland - Nicola Sturgeon demands access to European single market

[Financial Times 24.10.2016 p.9](#)

Britain and Europe share an interest in an amicable split - For the British, it would make sense to fast-track a free-trade agreement

[Financial Times 24.10.2016 p.9](#)

Foreign Affairs & Accession

Council Decision (EU) 2016/1873 of **10.10.2016** on the **signing**, on **behalf** of the **EU** of the [Agreement](#) establishing the **EU-LAC International Foundation**

[Midday Express 24.10.2016](#)

[Declaration](#) by the **H.R.** on **behalf** of the **EU** on **South Africa** and **Burundi** and the **International Criminal Court**

[Declaration](#) by the **H.R.** on **behalf** of the **EU** on the **alignment** of **certain third countries** concerning **restrictive measures** in **view** of the **situation** in [Burundi](#) and **against** [Syria](#)

Christos Stylianides concludes a **visit** to **Iran** to discuss **humanitarian issues** ([IP/16/3495](#))