

Competition

The **General Court** annuls, on the **ground** of a **procedural irregularity**, the **decision** by which the **Commission** refused to **authorise** the **merger** between **UPS** and **TNT** in the **express small package delivery services sector** (See CPR [No.23/2017](#) - Case [T-194/13](#))

[Non-opposition](#) to a notified concentration (Case [M.8349](#) - **KKR & Co/The GfK Verein/GfK**)

[Non-opposition](#) to a notified concentration (Case [M.8390](#) - **PSPIB/TIAA/Vantage**)

[Non-opposition](#) to a notified concentration (Case [M.8352](#) - **KKR/KSL/Apple Leisure Group**)

Prior [notification](#) of a concentration (Case [M.8254](#) - **HP/Printer business of Samsung Electronics**)

[Answer](#) given by **Ms Vestager**: The **cartel** of **petroleum-producing countries** (OPEC) - [E-009291/2016](#)

[Answer](#) given by **Ms Vestager**: **Bayer-Monsanto merger** - [E-009504/2016](#)

[Answer](#) given by **Ms Vestager**: **Aspen Pharma's anticompetitive practices** - [E-008535/2016](#)

Commission [decision](#) on referral to UK authority of **BUPA / Oasis merger**

Commission [decision](#) on referral to UK authority of acquisition by **Heineken** of **Punch Taverns**

CMA directs **appointment** of **monitoring trustee** under [initial enforcement order](#) in relation to **National Fostering Agency / Acorn Care 1 merger**

CMA proposes [market investigation changes](#)

CMA varies [initial enforcement order](#) in acquisition by **AMC** of **Odeon** and **UCI Cinemas**

Sweden - **Competition authority** has published a [report](#) on **digital markets** and **e-commerce**

State Aid

Commission clears **€420 million Czech support scheme** for **combined heat and power** ([IP/17/483](#))

[Answer](#) given by **Ms Vestager**: **State aid and tax rulings, particularly in Germany** - [E-009364/2016](#)

[Answer](#) given by **Ms Vestager**: **Privatisation of the Larco state-owned ferronickel production company** - [E-008909/2016](#)

[Answer](#) given by **Ms Vestager**: **Approval of the Paks nuclear power plant** - [E-008806/2016](#)

EU approves **Hungary's Russia-financed nuclear plant** - *Decision fuels European fears over Moscow's influence*
[Financial Times 07.03.2017 p.4](#)

Trade & Customs

[Agenda](#) for: **Working Party on Customs Union of 08.03.2017**

[Answer](#) given by **Mr Moscovici**: **Progress Report** on the **implementation** of the **EU Strategy and Action Plan** for **customs risk management** - [E-009518/2016](#)

[Agenda](#) for: **High Level Project Group (HLPG)** on the **implementation** of the **Union Customs Code (UCC)** and **eCustoms** of **31.03.2017**

[Agenda](#) for: **Trade Policy Committee (Deputy Members)** of **08.03.2017**

EU and New Zealand move a [step further](#) in **expanding trade links**
[Midday Express 07.03.2017](#)

[Answer](#) given by **Ms Malmström: Reform** of the **anti-dumping procedure** and the **burden of proof** - [E-009544/2016](#)

[Answer](#) given by **Ms Malmström: Proposal** to **change the methodology** for **calculating the dumping margin** for **imports from third countries** - [E-009519/2016](#)

[Answer](#) given by **Ms Malmström: Impact** of **EU trade deals** on **Ireland's beef sector** - [E-008732/2016](#)

[Answer](#) given by **Ms Malmström: China's market economy status** - [E-009630/2016](#)

[Answer](#) given by **Ms Malmström: Investor protection systems** under **international trade agreements (ISDS or ICS)** - [E-009211/2016](#)

[Answer](#) given by **Ms Malmström: EU-Japan agreement** - [E-009232/2016](#)

[Answer](#) given by **Mr Hahn: Updating** of the **Customs Union with Turkey** - [E-006586/2016](#)

European businesses attack China high-tech push
[Financial Times 07.03.2017](#)

Trump adviser calls for deficit talks with Germany
[Financial Times 07.03.2017 p.2](#)

Republican tax reform could shake up global economy
[Financial Times 07.03.2017 p.2](#)

UK Government still unclear on **trade** after **Brexit** (See [UK trade options Beyond 2019](#))

Industry, Competitiveness & SMEs

[Agenda](#) for: **Working Party on Technical Harmonisation (Fertilisers)** of **14.03.2017**

[Agenda](#) for: **REACH Committee meeting** of **16-17.03.2017**

[Minutes](#) of the **REACH Committee meeting** of **16.02.2017**

[Minutes](#) of the **meeting** of the **Technical Committee - Motor vehicles (TCMV)** of **24.01.2017**

[Agenda](#) of the **13th meeting** of the **Committee on Standards**
- [Draft](#) Commission Implementing Decision the references of standard EN 60335-2-9:2003, as last amended by A13:2010, on particular requirements for grills, toasters and similar portable cooking appliances

Space: Latest Copernicus launch will improve **services for farmers, fishermen** and other **users of land and sea maps** ([IP/17/446](#))

[Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions: support](#) for **100 000 excellent researchers**, with a **strong focus on boosting women's careers in science** ([IP/17/426](#) & [factsheet](#))

Investment Plan for Europe unlocks **€ 100 million** for **SMEs in Czech Republic**
[Midday Express 07.03.2017](#)

Financial Services & Taxation

The **exclusion** of **digital books, newspapers** and **periodicals** from the application of a **reduced rate** of VAT where they are **supplied electronically** is **not contrary** to the **principle** of **equal treatment** (See CPR [No.22/2017](#) - Case [C-390/15](#))

[Agenda](#) for: **Indirect Tax Expert Group** of **20-21.03.2017**

[Vienna Initiative: New Working Group](#) on **Capital Markets Union** for **CESEE region**

EBA publishes its [regular assessment](#) of **EU banks internal model outcomes**

[Answer](#) given by Mr Moscovici: Attempt to curb **tax evasion** by taxing **cash withdrawals** - [E-009253/2016](#)

[Answer](#) given by Mr Moscovici: **Plans** to reduce **corporation tax** in the UK - [E-009510/2016](#)

[Answer](#) given by Mr Moscovici: **Blacklist** of **tax havens** - [E-009019/2016](#)

Employment & Social Policy

10 years of **European solidarity** via the [EGF \(IP/17/443\)](#)

Cohesion Policy: implementation gains speed; **web-portal** now featuring **important updates**

[Midday Express 07.03.2017](#)

Health, Food & Products Safety

The **Council** adopted [two regulations](#) making **medical devices safer**

[Answer](#) given by Ms Bieńkowska: **Access** to **medicines** - [E-007539/2016](#)

EFSA - **Weight** of **evidence** and **biological relevance** – [have your say](#)

EFSA - [New insights](#) on **perceptions** of **antimicrobial resistance**

Digital & Information Society

[Answer](#) given by V.P. Ansip: **Investment** into **telecommunications** and the **potential effect** on **Central and Eastern Europe** - [E-009366/2016](#)

[Answer](#) given by V.P. Ansip: **Wholesale abolition** of **roaming charges** in the EU - [E-006909/2016](#)

Access to [European broadcasting market post-Brexit](#) questioned (See the [Report](#))

Transport & Mobility

[Answer](#) given by Ms Bulc: **Follow-up answer** to **Question E-006774/2016** - **fair competition clauses** in **air transport agreements** and **funds used** by **third**

countries in **EU carrier investments** - [E-009139/2016](#)

[Answer](#) given by Ms Bulc: **Unfair competition** in the **road haulage sector** - [E-008815/2016](#)

Justice & Home Affairs

[Schengen borders code](#): **Council** adopts **regulation** to reinforce **checks** at **external borders**

EU [strengthens](#) **rules** to prevent **new forms of terrorism**

EP [Background](#) - **Reform** of the **EU asylum rules** - **creating a new Dublin system** that works

Euro, ECB & Economy

GDP and **main aggregates estimate** for the **4th quarter** of **2016** - **GDP** up by **0.4%** in the **euro area** and by **0.5%** in the **EU28** - **+1.7%** and **+1.9%** respectively compared with the **4th quarter** of **2015**

Foreign Affairs

[Joint statement](#) on the **occasion** of **International Women's Day 2017**

[Main Results](#) of the **3525th Council meeting Foreign Affairs** of **06.03.2017**

[Common Military List](#) of the EU (as adopted by the Council on 06.03. 2017)

18th Annual Report according to **Article 8(2)** of **Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP** defining **common rules** governing **control** of **exports** of **military technology** and **equipment** (See [Annexes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6](#))

Security & defence: Council reviews progress and **agrees** to improve **support** for **military missions** (See the [conclusions](#))

EU sets up **post-Brexit defence training command**

[Financial Times 07.03.2017 p.3](#)

[Wall Street Journal Europe 07.03.2017](#)