

Competition

Opinion of Advocate General Ms Julianne Kokott of 17.01.2019 in Case [C-637/17](#), **Cogeco Communications Inc Vs. Sport TV Portugal, SA, Controlinveste-SGPS, SA and NOS-SGPS, SA-**

Re: Reference for a preliminary ruling - Competition - Private enforcement - Directive 2014/104 / EU - Actions for damages under national law for breaches of competition law provisions of the Member States and the EU ("Compensation for damage caused by an agreement") - Limitation periods for actions for damages under national law - Evidential value of a decision of a national competition authority in the action for damages - Applicability *ratione temporis* of a directive to facts which took place before its entry into force - Deadline for transposition of the directive

[Non-opposition](#) to a notified concentration (Case [M.9046](#) - **Taiyo Nippon Sanso/ Praxair EEA Business**)

[Non-opposition](#) to a notified concentration (Case [M.8951](#) - **Suzano Papel e Celulose /Fibria Celulose**)

[Non-opposition](#) to a notified concentration (Case [M.9202](#) - **Bain Capital/Oscar Holding**)

[Non-opposition](#) to a notified concentration (Case [M.9191](#) - **SoftwareONE/Comparesx**)

[Non-opposition](#) to a notified concentration (Case [M.9201](#) - **Siemens/TUTPL/SPC JV**)

Prior [notification](#) of a concentration (Case [M.9268](#) - **Macquarie/Jera Power International/Ørsted InvestCo/ Swancor/ Formosa I Wind Power**)

Belgium - Notification of a concentration – [MEDE CC-19-0003](#) - **Anders Hedin Invest AB/ Andries NV**

Belgium - Notification of a concentration – [MEDE CC-19-0004](#) - **GCV StaPal/Groep VDB**

CMA clears [airport services](#) merger

CMA full text [decision](#) on **Loxam Group / UK Platforms** merger

CMA refers [TopCashback / Quidco](#) merger to a **Phase 2 investigation**

Romania - The **Competition Council** opened an [investigation](#) on a possible abuse of **dominant position** of **Delgaz Grid SA**

Romania - The **Competition Council** assesses the [taking over](#) of **Wirom Gas SA** by **Engie Romania SA**

Speech by Ms [Margrethe Vestager](#) “**Shaping competition policy in the era of digitisation**”

EU competition chief urges tougher China defences - *Yet Margrethe Vestager also argues rules should not be ignored to allow Alstom-Siemens tie-up*
[Financial Times 17.01.2019](#)

German industry’s plan to face the China steamroller - *BDI business lobby urges rule changes to allow creation of European champions*
[Financial Times 17.01.2019](#)

State Aid

Opinion of Advocate General Wahl of 17.01.2019 in Case [C-706/17](#), **Achema AB, Orlen Lietuva AB, AB ‘Lifosa’ Vs. Valstybinė kainų ir energetikos kontrolės komisija (VKEKK) Lietuvos Respublikos energetikos ministerija, UAB, ‘BALTPPOOL’**

Re: State aid - Concept of ‘State resources’ - Selectivity - Effects on trade - Distortion of competition - Services of general economic interest in the electricity sector - Altmark conditions

Trade & Customs

Agenda for: 53rd Plenary Meeting of the [Trade Contact Group](#) on **preparedness** of the UK's **departure** from the EU of **17.01.2019**

Agenda for: 21st [Customs Laboratories European Network](#) Plenary Meeting on **13.02.2019**

[EP legislative resolution](#) of **15.01.2019** on the **proposal** for a **regulation** of the **European Parliament** and of the **Council** implementing the **safeguard clauses** and other **mechanisms** allowing for the **temporary withdrawal** of **preferences** in certain **agreements** concluded between the EU and certain **third countries**

[Working document](#) of **Commission** Implementing **Regulation** (EU) .../... laying down the **rules** for the **implementation** of **Regulation** (EU) No [1308/2013](#) of the **European Parliament** and of the **Council** with **regard** to the **management system** of **tariff quotas** with **licences**

[EP legislative resolution](#) of **16.01.2019** on the **draft Council decision** on the **conclusion**, on **behalf** of the **Union**, of the **Agreement** in the **form** of an **Exchange of Letters** between the EU and the **P.R.** of **China** in **connection** with [DS492](#) EU - **Measures** affecting **Tariff Concessions** on **Certain Poultry Meat Products**

EU imposes **safeguard measures** on **rice** from **Cambodia** and **Myanmar** ([IP/19/427](#) & [Regulation \(EU\) 2019/67](#))

European Commission set to [adopt](#) **definitive safeguard measures** on **imports** of **steel** (See the [Acea Statement](#))
[Wall Street Journal 17.01.2019](#)

EU requests **bilateral [dispute settlement](#) consultations** with **Ukraine** over **wood export ban**

Negotiations on a **new Partnership Agreement** between the EU and **ACP countries: first round** of **talks conclude** ([Memo/19/5903](#))

EP - [Preferential tariffs](#) to help **Western Sahara** to **develop** (See the EP [Resolution](#))

[Answer](#) given by **Ms Malmström** - **EU-Taiwan BIT** - [E-005498/2018](#)

[Answer](#) given by **Ms Malmström** - **Effects** of the **tariffs unfairly** imposed on **Spanish table olives** in the USA - [E-005829/2018](#)

Trump is leaning towards **car tariffs**, ally **says** - *Iowa senator insists US president wants to pressure EU on farm products*
[Financial Times 17.01.2019](#)

Internal Market & Industry

Agenda for: Working Party on **Competitiveness & Growth**
- [Internal market](#) of **21.01.2019**
- [Industry](#) of **21.01.2019**

Agenda for: Technical Committee - [Motor Vehicles](#) of **12.02.2019**

Commission Implementing **Directive** (EU) [2019/68](#) of **16.01.2019** establishing **technical specifications** for the **marking** of **firearms** and their **essential components** under **Council Directive 91/477/EEC** on **control** of the **acquisition** and **possession** of **weapons**

Commission Implementing **Directive** (EU) [2019/69](#) of **16.01.2019** laying down **technical specifications** for **alarm** and **signal weapons** under **Council Directive 91/477/EEC** on **control** of the **acquisition** and **possession** of **weapons**

Government publishes **draft UK REACH [statutory instrument](#)** (See the [Impact assessment](#) & [RPC report](#))

[Answer](#) given by **Ms Bieńkowska** - **Toxic products** - [E-005263/2018](#)

Commission welcomes EP's **position** on **InvestEU** ([IP/19/444](#) & [EP Statement](#))

Education: new [report](#) on the **integration** of **students** from **migrant backgrounds** into **schools**

Financial Services

Single Market: Commission welcomes **Member States' [commitments](#)** to terminate all **BITs** within the **EU** (See the [Achmea](#) judgement & [Communication](#))

Agenda for: **Financial Services Working Party** ([CBDF](#)) of **24.01.2019**

ESMA [reports](#) on **accepted market practices** under MAR

Agriculture & Fisheries

Implementation and impact of key EMFF on the Common Fisheries Policy, and the post-2020 EMFF proposal
[Study - Research for PECH Committee – Jan. 2019](#)

Energy

Agenda for: **Working Party on Energy** of **22.01.2019**

Environment & Climate Change

CO2 emission standards for cars and vans: Council confirms [agreement](#) on stricter limits

Pesticides: MEPs propose [blueprint](#) to [improve](#) EU approval procedure

EEA - More action needed to [tackle](#) mixtures of chemicals in Europe's waters

Health, Food & Products Safety

Agenda for: **Meeting of the PAFF Committee**, section [Plant Health](#) of **21-22.01.2019**

Agenda for: **Meeting of the section "[Novel Food & Toxicological Safety](#)"** of **8.02.2019**

Minutes of the Commission Expert Group on [Residues](#) of Veterinary Medicines of **14.12.2018**

EU to help [boost](#) exports of generic pharmaceuticals (See the [Full Text](#))

Meeting documents of the 10th Meeting of the [STAMP Expert Group](#) of **03.12.2018**

EU consults on [revised limits](#) on formaldehyde, aluminium in toys

Euro, ECB & Economy

MEPs spell out [priorities](#) for the European Central Bank and on banking union

Interview of [Sabine Lautenschläger](#) with Politico

[Annual inflation](#) down to 1.6% in the euro area - Down to 1.7% in the EU

- [Production in construction](#) down by 0.1% in euro area - Up by 0.2% in EU28

Future of Europe & Brexit

Irish watchdog urges UK auditors to prepare for 'no deal' Brexit - *British firms would need to register as 'third country' auditors without a deal*
[Financial Times 17.01.2019](#)

Theresa May has one last throw of the Brexit dice - *She should set aside her vanity and behave as a prime minister not a party leader*
[Financial Times 17.01.2019 p.9](#)

Could customs union help May close a Brexit deal? - *Adopting the idea could attract Labour support, but deeply anger Eurosceptics and DUP*
[Financial Times 17.01.2019](#)

Brexit crisis/gilts: sound despite fury - *The odds are surely narrowing that the UK remains in the EU*
[Financial Times 17.01.2019](#)

Foreign Affairs

Judgment of the Court of 17.01.2019 in Case [C-168/17](#), **SH Vs, TG** in the presence of: **UF**

Re: Reference for a preliminary ruling – CFSP - Restrictive measures taken in view of the situation in Libya - Chain of contracts concluded for the purpose of issuing a bank guarantee for the benefit of an entity on a list of freezes of funds - Payment of costs under counter-guarantee contracts - Regulation (EU) No 204/2011 - Article 5 - Concept of "funds made available to an entity listed in Annex III to Regulation No 204/2011" - Article 12 (1) (c) - Concept of "claim as security" - Concept of "person or entity acting on behalf of a person referred to in Article 12 (1) (a) or (b) "

HR/VP Federica Mogherini in Malta for the [15th Meeting](#) of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the 5+5 Western Mediterranean Dialogue