**COMPETITION**

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.6178 - Arkema/Total's resin division)

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.6122 - Orizonia/BCD Travel /JV)

EU slashes ArcelorMittal steel cartel fine
(IP/11/403)

Commission clears acquisition by Ageas and Sabanci of joint control over Aksigorta

Commission clears acquisition of DANISCO by DUPONT

Solvay acquires Rhodia to create chemical giant, subject to EU and US antitrust approval

**STATE AID**

Authorisation for State aid pursuant to Articles 87 and 88 of the TFEU - Cases where the Commission raises no objections

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State aid: Overview of decisions and ongoing in-depth investigations in the context of the financial crisis

**TRADE & CUSTOMS**

Agenda for: GSP Working Party on 12 April 2011

Agenda for: Trade Policy Committee (Full Members) on 8 April 2011

Revised Agenda for: Customs Union Working Party (Customs Legislation & Policy) on 7 April 2011

Summary report of the 188th meeting of the Origin Section of the Customs Code Committee of 18 and 19 January 2011


Draft Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin

EU and US agree trade-related information and communication technology principles to be promoted world-wide (IP/11/402)

WTO - EU files dispute against US anti-dumping measures on stainless steel sheet and strip in coils from Italy

Notification of an appeal by the European Union : US - Measures Affecting Trade in Large Civil Aircraft (WT/DS353)
INTERNAL MARKET & GENERAL

Judgment of the Court of 05.04.2011 in Case C-119/09, Société fiduciaire nationale d'expertise comptable Vs. Ministre du Budget, des Comptes publics et de la Fonction publique,
Re: Freedom to provide services - Directive 2006/123/EC - Article 24 - Prohibition of total prohibitions on commercial communications by the regulated professions - Profession of qualified accountant - Prohibition on canvassing

Professional activities subject to rules issued by a private organisation recognised by a Member State are to be regarded as activities not regulated by that Member State (See Case C-424/09)

Insurers say proposed EU rules are harmful (See Com 2011-0156 & the Letter by CEA as well as their Proposals on Catastrophe Risks)

Financial Times 05.04.2011 p.16 & 10
Wall Street Journal Europe 05.04.2011

HEALTH & CONSUMER PROTECTION


EFSA - Scientific Opinion on the safety evaluation of the substance, (butadiene, styrene, methyl methacrylate) copolymer cross-linked with 1,3-butadienodimethacrylate, for use in food contact materials

EFSA - Scientific Opinion on the safety evaluation of the substance, poly(12-hydroxyxstearic acid)-polyethylenimine copolymer, CAS No. 124578-12-7, for use in food contact materials

EFSA - Scientific Opinion on the safety evaluation of the substance, thiodipropionic acid, ditetradecylester, CAS No. 16545-54-3, for use in food contact materials

EFSA - Scientific Opinion on the safety evaluation of the substance, (methyl methacrylate, butyl acrylate, styrene, glycidyl methacrylate) copolymer, CAS No. 37953-21-2, for use in food contact materials

Reasoned opinion of EFSA: Modification of the existing MRLs for for spirotetramat in herbs


TRANSPORT

Council Decision of 28 February 2011 on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Memorandum of Cooperation NAT-I-9406 between the United States of America and the European Union

EURO & ECONOMY

February 2011 compared with January 2011: Volume of retail trade down by 0.1% in both euro area and EU27

Euro-zone risks exodus of weaklings
Wall Street Journal Europe 05.04.2011 p.2

ACCESSION & EXT. RELATIONS

Commission President Barroso to travel to Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Midday Express 05.04.2011

Statement on the growing humanitarian crisis in Côte d'Ivoire by Kristalina Georgieva