**Competition**

*Non-opposition* to a notified concentration
(Case M.8104 - HNA Group/Gategroup)

*Non-opposition* to a notified concentration
(Case M.8195 - Brambles/FR/JV)

*Non-opposition* to a notified concentration
(Case M.8125 - JAC/Nexperia)

*Non-opposition* to a notified concentration
(Case M.8135 - Cerberus / GE Money Bank / SOREFI/SOMAFI-SOGUAFI / GE Financement Pacifique)

*Non-opposition* to a notified concentration
(Case M.8192 - Advent International/THL/inVentiv)

*Non-opposition* to a notified concentration
(Case M.8197 - Cinven/Old Mutual Wealth Italy)

Prior *notification* of a concentration
(Case M.8151 - Naxicap/TimePartner)

Prior *notification* of a concentration
(Case M.8231 - Kuoni Travel Holding/MTS Globe)

*Commission* clears joint acquisition of a port terminal in Spain by Marmedsa and UECC (M.8105)

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CMA - Convenience store acquisition *may give* rise to competition concerns

*Speech* by Andrea Coscelli on the CMA’s work in regulated sectors

CMA *is investigating* the anticipated acquisition by AMC (UK) Acquisition Limited of Odeon and UCI Cinemas Holdings Limited

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**State Aid**

Bundeskartellamt - Some sausage-cartel members *escape* German fines

Denmark - *Competition* in the *distribution* of medicines (October 2016)

Greece – *Ex-officio investigation* in the market of hemodialysis filters and arterial and venous lines.

Latvia - AS Latvijas Gāze has paid a €2.2 *million fine* for abusing its dominant market position

Norway – Johny Birkeland Transport AS / Norva 24 AS and Lindum AS *are fined*, respectively, 2.6 and 3.9 million Nkroner for collusive bidding

Spain – CNMC has *fined* travel agents Viajes Barceló and Halcón Viajes a total of €1.8 million, for engaging in anticompetitive practices

Commission *Decision* (EU) 2016/1846 of 04.07.2016 on the measure SA.41187 (2015/C) (ex 2015/NN) implemented by Hungary on the health contribution of tobacco industry businesses

Commission *Decision* (EU) 2016/1847 of 04.07.2016 on the *State aid* SA.41612 - 2015/C (ex SA.33584 (2013/C) (ex 2011/NN)) implemented by the Netherlands in favour of the professional football club MVV in Maastricht

Commission *Decision* (EU) 2016/1848 of 04.07.2016 on the measure SA.40018 (2015/C) (ex 2015/NN) implemented by Hungary on the 2014 Amendment to the Hungarian food chain inspection fee

implemented by the Netherlands with regard to the professional football club PSV in Eindhoven

Trade & Customs

Main Results for 3493rd Council meeting Foreign Affairs - Trade issues - 18 October 2016

Agenda for: Trade Policy Committee (Services & Investment) of 25.10.2016

Proposal for a Council Decision on the Union position to be adopted in the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Sub-Committee, the Trade and Sustainable Development Sub-Committee, the Customs Sub-Committee, and in the Geographical Indications Sub-Committee established by the Association Agreement between the EU and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part, in relation to the adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Sub-Committee, the Trade and Sustainable Development Sub-Committee, the Customs Sub-Committee, and the Geographical Indications Sub-Committee (See the Annex)

Commission urges Member States to support proposals to strengthen European defences against unfair trade (IP/16/3475)

EU and China discuss trade, investment, overcapacity and cooperation on state aid control at the 6th High-level Economic and Trade Dialogue (IP/16/3441)


Competitiveness, Entrepreneurship, Industry and SMEs

President Juncker participates in Tripartite Social Summit (See the 2017 Annual Growth Survey and the New Skills Agenda for Europe) Midday Express 19.10.2016

Investment Plan for Europe: EU and LABORAL Kutxa sign €100 million agreement to benefit innovative companies in northern Spain Midday Express 19.10.2016

Production in construction down by 0.9% in euro area - Down by 1.3% in EU28

Roadmap - Governmental Satellite Communications (GOVSATCOM)

Financial Services & Taxation

Report on alternative tools to external credit ratings, the state of the credit rating market, competition and governance in the credit rating industry, the state of the structured finance instruments rating market and on the feasibility of a European Credit Rating Agency

Minutes of the Committee on Administrative Cooperation for Taxation of 13 October 2016


Fixed prices set in Germany for prescription-only medicinal products are contrary to EU law (See CPR No.113/2016 – Case C-148/15)

Commission appoints new Directors to its departments for Competition, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response Midday Express 19.10.2016

Commissioner Thyssen gives keynote speech at 20th anniversary of the European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities

Internal Market & General

Agenda for: High Level Working party (Taxation/Customs Union/Customs Cooperation Joint Meeting) of 25.10.2016

Decisions adopted by the Commission by Written Procedure on 19.10.2016
**Environment & Climate Change**

Council Decision (EU) 2016/1841 of 5 October 2016 on the conclusion, on behalf of the EU, of the Paris Agreement adopted under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change

**Health, Food & Products Safety**

*Agenda* for: Meeting of 20-21.10.2016 of the PAFF Committee, section Plant Health

Summary of the 2015 annual reporting of serious adverse reactions and events for blood and blood components

Scenihr - Final Opinion on Synthetic Biology II Risk assessment methodologies and safety aspects

SCCS - Request for a scientific opinion:
- on hair dye Dimethylpiperazinium Aminopyrazolopyridine HCl (A164)
- on fragrance Acetylated Vetiver oil
- on Polyaminopropyl Biguanide (PHMB)
- on Water-soluble Zinc salts used in oral products
- on Vitamin A

SCCS - Final Opinion on preservative EcoG+ and on Phenoxycethanol

JRC develops animal-free tests for skin sensitisation

**Digital & Information Society**

Judgment of the Court of 19.10.2016 in Case C-424/15, Xabier Ormaetxea Garai, Bernardo Lorenzo Almendros vs. Administración del Estado, Re: Reference for a preliminary ruling - Electronic communications networks and services - Directive 2002/21/EC - Article 3 - Impartiality and independence of national regulatory authorities - Institutional reform - Merger of national regulatory authority with other regulatory authorities - Dismissal of the President and a board member of the merged national regulatory authority before the expiry of their terms of office - Ground for dismissal not provided for under national law

The operator of a website may have a legitimate interest in storing certain personal data relating to visitors to that website in order to protect itself against cyberattacks (See CPR No.112 /2016 – Case C-582/14)

V.P. Ansip in Malta to discuss progress towards a Digital Single Market

**Euro, ECB, Economy**

College appoints the members of the European Fiscal Board (Memo/16/2481)

Crunch looms on QE as European Central Bank meets

Lucky ECB is sitting pretty

**Future of Europe & Brexit**

How to negotiate a soft Brexit

May’s maiden EU meeting: guide to Britain’s Brexit strategy

Markets send warning of Brexit iceberg

Judges consider arguments in case to derail Brexit

Gisela Stuart on EU relations - Challenging the referendum result is a waste of time

**Foreign Affairs & Accession**

EU-Iraq relations: high-level meeting discussed challenges ahead and cooperation

Schäuble calls for joint EU defence budget