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EU CORONAVIRUS RESPONSES
HEALTH
Vaccine strategy: Budget MEPs quiz EU health chief Sandra Gallina
EU Health Policy Platform webinar – COVID-19 vaccination – What you need to know as a health professional (10 February 2021, 11.00 – 13.00 CET)
EMA starts rolling review of REGN-COV2 antibody combination (casirivimab / imdevimab)

MOBILITY
COVID-19: Council updates recommendation on measures affecting free movement – See the Adoption & Statement by Luxembourg

STATE AID
Commission approves €5 million Slovenian public support to compensate the Fraport Slovenija for damages caused by coronavirus outbreak (SA.59994) – Midday Express

TRADE
WTO – Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade – Proposals on conformity assessment procedures, transparency, and COVID-19 – 9th triennial review – Submission from the European Union
WTO – Committee on Trade Facilitation – Sharing experiences related to the COVID-19 crisis – Communication from the European union – Revision

COMPETITION
Withdrawal of notification of a concentration (Case M.10008 – Egeria/Parcom/Wood Holdingco JV)
Non-opposition to a notified concentration (Case M.8851 – BASF/Bayer Divestment Business)
Prior notification of a concentration (Case M.10116 – ION/NN/bpfBOUW/IRP JV)
Summary of Commission Decision of 1 October 2019 declaring a concentration compatible with the internal market and the functioning of the EEA Agreement (Case M.9076 – Novelis/Aleris )
– Opinion of the Advisory Committee on mergers
– Final Report of the Hearing
Commission clears acquisition of joint control of Galp Gás Natural Distribuição by Allianz Capital Partners, Marubeni and Toho Gas (M.10084) – Midday Express
Portugal – EURODIAL notifies the acquisition of sole control over the Haemodialysis Unit of ULSBA.
Slovakia – AMO SR initiated an administrative proceedings in the matter of a merger of undertakings
FARMA INVEST, s. r. o., KRATKY GLOBAL: Private Equity, a.s., and Slovenské farmárske, družstvo
Slovakia – AMO SR initiated an administrative proceedings in the matter of a merger of undertakings
Union poistovna and Pootov poistovna
TRADE & CUSTOMS
Report – Meeting of the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Joint Management Committee – 16-19 November 2020
Minutes of the Customs Expert group – Tariff and Statistical Nomenclature Section HS/WCO
Coordination Sector 7-12 January 2021
Notice amending the notice of initiation of an anti-dumping proceeding concerning imports of aluminium flat-rolled products originating in the People’s Republic of China
WTO – European Union and certain Member states – Certain measures concerning palm oil and oil palm crop-based biofuels – Request for consultations by Malaysia – Request to join consultations – Communication from Colombia and from Argentina
INTERNAL MARKET & INDUSTRY
Answer given by Mr Breton to a MEP written question – Inclusion of formaldehyde in Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) to replace it with substances harmless to human health
FINANCIAL SERVICES
Natural persons who are subject to an administrative investigation for insider dealing have the right to remain silent when their answers might establish their liability for an offence that is punishable by administrative sanctions of a criminal nature, or their criminal liability (See CPR Nº 11/2021 – Judgment of the Court of Justice in Case C-481/19, Consob)
Financial benchmarks: Council adopts new rules addressing LIBOR cessation
ESMA publishes Annual Report on the application of waivers and deferrals for equity instruments
ESMA – Summary of conclusions Management Board meeting – 15 December 2020 1 4 November 2020
TAXATION
Code of conduct on business taxation: chair of Council working group reappointed
Agenda for Fiscal Counsellors/Attachés from the Permanent Representations of 03 February 2021
EMPLOYMENT SOCIAL POLICY
Commission disburses €14 billion under SURE to nine Member States – IP/21/309
ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE
Agenda for: Expert Group for RoHS 2 adaptation and enforcement of 23 February 2021
Schools across Europe share results of their air quality projects – See EEA Statement
European Green Deal: Commission launches public consultation on new EU Soil Strategy – Midday Express

HEALTH, FOOD & PRODUCT SAFETY
Agenda of the meeting of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed – Section: “General food law” of 9 February 2021
Denmark joins the 1+ Million Genomes Initiative – Midday Express
Endorse the 2020 Thematic Networks’ Joint Statements!

AREA OF FREEDOM, SECURITY & JUSTICE
Rule of Law: Commission opens stakeholder consultation for 2021 Rule of Law Report

FUTURE OF EUROPE
Agenda for: Meeting of the Coreper (Part.1 & Part.2) of 03 February 2021

EXTERNAL RELATIONS
The EEA EFTA Forum of local and regional authorities discuss Green Deal and minimum wages
Kazakhstan: Statement by the Spokesperson on the increasing pressure on human rights NGOs