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EU CORONAVIRUS RESPONSES

HEALTH

- [Answer](#) given by Ms Kyriakides to a MEP [written question](#) – EU mandate to procure vaccines against the SARS-CoV-19 virus
- EMA starts rolling review of [Novavax](#)'s COVID-19 vaccine (NVX-CoV2373)

STATE AID

- [Answer](#) given by Ms Vestager to a MEP [written question](#) – Portugal's rescue of TAP – Transportes Aéreos de Portugal

ECONOMY

- Covid-19 recovery: how the main EU instrument will work – See the EP [Statement](#)

MOBILITY

- Council Recommendation (EU) [2021/132](#) of 2 February 2021 amending Recommendation (EU) 2020/912 on the temporary restriction on non-essential travel into the EU and the possible lifting of such restriction

COMPETITION

- [Prior notification](#) of a concentration (Case [M.10067](#) – ElringKlinger/Plastic Omnium New Energies/EKPO Fuel Cell Technologies/ElringKlinger Fuelcell Systems Austria)
- [Prior notification](#) of a concentration (Case [M.10125](#) – GBL/Canyon)
- [Prior notification](#) of a concentration (Case [M.10128](#) – Stirling Square Capital Partners/TA)

Associates/Glenigan)

- [Non-opposition](#) to a notified concentration (Case [M.10040](#) – M Group Services/Skanska Infrastructure Services)
- Commission clears acquisition of Dorel by the Cerberus Group ([M.10086](#)) – [Midday Express](#)
- Italy – [C12358](#) – Acquisition by Cellnex Italia S.p.A. of CK Hutchison Networks Italia S.p.A.
- Norway – Survey [shows](#) that several companies use monitoring algorithms
- Portugal – The PCA Board adopted a non-opposition decision on the merger [3/2021](#) – Edify / Ligier Développement
- Portugal – The PCA Board adopted a non-opposition decision on the merger [2/2021](#) – SAUR / Criar Vantagens
- Portugal – The PCA Board adopted a decision of inapplicability of the merger [1/2021](#) – Graco BV / Hi-Tech
- Romania – The Competition Council [assesses](#) the taking over of some farms by Premium Pork Commercial
- Romania – [Activity Report](#) of the Competition Council – 2020 –
- The Netherlands – ACM sees [risks associated](#) with paid ranking for consumers and competition
- Nvidia-Arm antitrust probes, Australia vs Google, bargain retailers – The EU and the UK are set to open probes into Nvidia's \$40bn acquisition of chip designer Arm – [Financial Times](#)

STATE AID

- [Answer](#) given by Ms Vestager to a MEP [written question](#) – 'Digital bonus' under the State aid rules

TRADE & CUSTOMS

- Judgment of the Court of 4 February 2021 in Case [C-324/19](#), eurocylinder systems AG Vs. Hauptzollamt Hamburg-Stadt, Re: Reference for a preliminary ruling – Common commercial policy – Anti-dumping duties – Regulation (EC) No 384/96 – Article 3(9) – Threat of material injury – Factors – Article 9(4) – Regulation (EC) No 926/2009 – Imports of certain seamless pipes and tubes of iron or steel originating in the People's Republic of China – Invalidity
- Judgment of the Court of 4 February 2021 in Case [C-760/19](#), JCM Europe (UK) Ltd Vs. Commissioners for Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, Re: Reference for a preliminary ruling – Customs union – Common Customs Tariff – Combined Nomenclature – Tariff classification – Headings 8472 and 9031 – Bank note validator and cash boxes – Device intended to be integrated in a host device and connected to an external control centre – Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1760 – Validity
- [Report](#) from the Commission on the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 428/2009 setting up a Community regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering and transit of dual-use items
- Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 654/2014 concerning the exercise of the Union's rights for the application and enforcement of international trade rules = [Outcome](#) of the written procedure completed on 3 February 2021 = Adoption of the legislative act = Approval of the joint declarations
- EU-Vietnam Free Trade Agreement (EVFTA) – [Guidance](#) on the Rules of Origin (v4 – February 2021)

- Report of the 35th round of negotiations on the [EU-China](#) Comprehensive Agreement on Investment
- [Answer](#) given by Executive VP Dombrovskis to a MEP [written question](#) – The imposition of 25 % tariffs on items imported from the United States
- Global Trade Today is Global Value Chains – See ECIPE [Policy Paper](#)

INTERNAL MARKET & INDUSTRY

- [Dangerous substances](#) – List of authorisation decisions taken by the EEA EFTA States in accordance with Article 64(8) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) in the first half of 2020
2021/C 39/03 Subcommittee I on the free movement of goods To be noted by the EEA Joint Committee
- European Construction Sector Observatory – Policy fact sheet
 - [Austria](#) – Construction Fit – Thematic Objective 2, 4, 5 & Occupational Health and Safety
 - [Germany](#) – Good Construction Initiative – Thematic Objective 2 & Occupational Health and Safety
 - [Finland](#) – Zero Accidents in the Construction Industry 2020 – Thematic Objective 2 & Occupational Health and Safety
 - [Ireland](#) – BeSMART.ie for Construction – Thematic Objective 2, 4 & Occupational Health and Safety
 - [Poland](#) – ‘Construction Site! Stop the Accidents!’ Initiative – Thematic Objective 2 & Occupational Health and Safety
- Marie Skłodowska-Curie [Actions programme](#): €100 million to support around 1,200 researchers in Europe – [Midday Express](#)

FINANCIAL SERVICES

- ESMA updates [Q&As](#) on MiFID II and MiFIR market structures topics
- ESMA [provides](#) input to the Commission on improvements for ELTIF
- ESMA – [Opinion](#) on position limits on ICE Endex NCG natural gas contracts
- Opening speech by President [von der Leyen](#) at the ETUI-ETUC Conference: ‘Towards a new socio-ecological contract’
- EIOPA’s Board of Supervisors [agrees](#) on changes to the PRIIPs key information document

TAXATION

- Agenda for: 23rd meeting of the [Administrative cooperation](#) in the field of direct taxation of 04 February 2021
- Convention on the elimination of double taxation in connection with the adjustment of profits of associated enterprises (Arbitration Convention) – List of [independent persons](#) of standing

ENVIRONMENT

- Agenda for: Working Party on International Environment Issues ([Biodiversity](#)) of 08 February 2021 & ([Climate change](#)) of 10 February 2021
- Minutes of the 6th meeting of the [Access and benefit sharing](#) (ABS) Consultation Forum of 14 January 2021

- Minutes of the 20th Meeting of Group of Experts of the competent [CITES Management Authorities](#) of 04 December 2020
- [Working Documents](#) – 5th meeting of the Environmental Compliance and Governance Forum of 22 January 2021
- Advanced digital technologies can play a crucial role in making Europe’s waste management systems more circular and sustainable – see EEA [Statement](#)
- How the EU wants to achieve a circular economy by 2050 – see the EP [Statement](#)

HEALTH, FOOD & PRODUCT SAFETY

- [Presentation](#) of the opinion by the Expert Panel – Hearing on public procurement in healthcare systems
- Beating cancer: MEPs react to the EU Plan for joint action – See the EP [Statement](#) & the [Communication](#) & [Annex](#)
- EFSA’s [scientific advice](#) to inform harmonised front-of-pack labelling and restriction of claims on foods
- EFSA – ONE – Health, Environment, Society – [Conference 2022](#)
- EFSA – Scientific Opinion on the assessment of the control measures of the category A diseases of Animal Health Law: [African Horse Sickness](#)
- EFSA – Commodity risk assessment of [Persea americana](#) from Israel
- EFSA – Scientific Opinion on Flavouring Group Evaluation 13 Revision 3 ([FGE.13Rev3](#)): furfuryl and furan derivatives with and without additional side-chain substituents and heteroatoms from chemical group 14
- EFSA – Scientific Opinion on Flavouring Group Evaluation 67, Revision 3 ([FGE.67Rev3](#)): consideration of 23 furan-substituted compounds evaluated by JECFA at the 55th, 65th, 69th and 86th meetings
- Food safety: Norway complies with European standards on ready-to-eat foods – see EFTA-ESA [Statement](#)
- EU Cancer Plan rightly puts healthy diets centre stage – see Beuc [Statement](#)

DIGITAL SINGLE MARKET

- Commission opens infringement procedures against 24 Member States for not transposing new EU telecom rules – [IP/21/206](#)

TRANSPORT

- Road safety – easy installation of alcohol interlocks in vehicles – [Draft delegated regulation](#) – Feedback period: 03 February 2021 – 03 March 2021

ECB, EURO& ECONOMY

- ECB [extends](#) bilateral euro liquidity lines with non-euro area central banks
- Volume of [retail trade](#) up by 2.0% in euro area
- Euro area [annual inflation](#) up to 0.9%
- [Industrial producer prices](#) up by 0.8% in the euro area

BREXIT

- EU-UK deal: [next steps](#) in Parliament's scrutiny
- ECON [Opinion](#) & EMPL [Recommendations](#) on the proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part, and of the Agreement between the European Union and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning security procedures for exchanging and protecting classified information
- Draft – Commission Implementing [Regulation](#) (EU) .../... of XXX amending Implementing Regulations (EU) 2020/761 and (EU) 2020/1988 and Regulations (EC) No 218/2007 and (EC) No 1518/2007 as regards imports of products originating in the United Kingdom and excluding those products from the tariff quotas with on-going quota periods
- [Joint statement](#) by European Commission Vice-President Šefčovič and the UK Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster Gove
- PM urges EU action to ease Brexit tensions in Northern Ireland – [BBC News](#)

FUTURE OF EUROPE

- Conference on the Future of Europe – [revised](#) Council position

EXTERNAL RELATIONS

- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) [2021/131](#) of 3 February 2021 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1210/2003 concerning certain specific restrictions on economic and financial relations with Iraq
- Russia: [Declaration](#) by the High Representative on behalf of the European Union on the sentencing of Alexei Navalny
- New START extension: [Declaration](#) by the High Representative on behalf of the European Union
- Commissioner for Crisis Management in Kabul: EU steps up humanitarian assistance with €32 million – [IP/21/362](#)
- [Answer](#) given by HP/VP Borrell to a MEP written question – The creation of a new EEAS StratCom unit dedicated to Iran