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Briefing note

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Advocate General Kokott has delivered her opinion in a reference from the Czech courts on whether a national competition authority can make a competition law infringement decision and impose a fine under national law in respect of the effects of a cartel in its territory during a period before the member state's accession to the EU, where the European Commission has also made an infringement decision and imposed a fine in respect of the effects of the cartel in the EEA. [Click here](#).

The General Court has delivered its judgments dismissing appeals by Deltafina and Alliance One International against the European Commission's decision to fine them for participation in a cartel on the Italian raw tobacco market. [Click here](#).

EU

Mergers – invitation to comment

- Apax/Kinetic Concepts. [Click here](#).
- Microsoft/Skype. [Click here](#).
- ZF/Hansen. [Click here](#).
- Galenica/Fresenius Medical Care/Vifor Fresenius Medical Care Renal Pharma JV. [Click here](#).
- Procter & Gamble/Teva OTC business. [Click here](#).

Public Procurement

- The General Court has dismissed an appeal by European Dynamics in relation to a procurement process organised by the European Commission. Although the Commission had breached certain procedural requirements, it was held that European Dynamics had not demonstrated that the procedural breach had a specific impact on the tender submitted by the consortium led by it. [Click here](#).

State Aid

- Advocate General Jaaskinen has delivered down his opinion on an appeal by France Telecom against the General Court judgment which had held the European Commission was entitled to find that France Telecom had received unlawful state aid each year from 1994 to 2002 via derogations from certain business tax. [Click here](#) to read the opinion in French.

Speeches

- Joaquín Almunia, "Policy Objectives in Merger Control", [click here](#).

UK

CAT

- The CAT has delivered its judgment on an application by Ryanair for permission to appeal against its ruling that an investigation by the OFT into the acquisition of a minority stake in Aer Lingus by Ryanair was not time barred. [Click here](#).

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- Mergers – cleared: Origin Fertilisers (UK) Limited/CM Fertilisers Limited; Elekta AB/Nucletron B.V.; Jones Lang LaSalle/King Sturge; Tramlink Nottingham/NET



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- Mergers – full text decisions: Hypercom Corporation/VeriFone Systems, Inc. [Click here.](#)
- The OFT has called for evidence to enable it to understand better the workings of the car insurance market in order to consider whether further work may be necessary to improve the way the market works. [Click here.](#)

Other

- The Independent Commission on Banking has published its final report, setting out its recommendations for reforms to improve competition and stability in the banking sector. [Click here.](#)
- Ofcom has published a consultation on proposals to waive the 90 day notification requirement imposed on BT in relation changes to wholesale line rental and full local loop unbundling rental prices. [Click here.](#)
- Ofcom has published a document setting out its decision to proceed with plans for making new geographic telephone numbers available in some parts of the UK in the near future. [Click here.](#)

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