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Speeches by the Commissioner,
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New challenges for State Aid policy – Mario MONTI – European State Aid Law Forum – Brussels, Belgium – 19.06.2003

A time for change? – Maritime competition policy at the crossroads – Mario MONTI – European Shipper’s Council Antwerp – Antwerp, Belgium – 12.06.2003


Contribution of competition policy to competitiveness of European business – Mario MONTI – Institute of European Affairs – Dublin, Ireland – 26.05.2003

Speeches and articles,
Directorate-General Competition staff,
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What is an Abuse of a Dominant Position? Rebates: Competition on the merits or exclusionary practice? – Luc GYSELEN – 8th EU Competition Law and Policy Workshop European University Institute – Brussels, Belgium – 19.06.2003

Application of competition law to rights management in the music market, Some orientations – Herbert UNGERER – Independent Music Companies Association (IMPALA) – Brussels, Belgium – 11.06.2003


Community Publications on Competition

New publications and publications coming up shortly

• XXXIIInd report on Competition policy – 2002
• Competition studies 1 – Market definition in the media sector: Economic issues
• Competition studies 2 – Market definition in the media sector: Comparative legal analysis (European Union, volume 1)
• Competition policy newsletter, 2004, Number 1 – Spring 2004

Information about our other publications can be found on the on the DG Competition web site:

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Most publications, including this newsletter, are available in PDF format on the web site.
Press releases
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Antitrust

IP/03/1182 – 28/08/2003 – Commission acts to break the stranglehold of state railways on international passenger services

IP/03/1159 – 13/08/2003 – Commission intervention no longer necessary to enable NDC Health to compete with IMS Health

IP/03/1152 – 07/08/2003 – Commission clears Philips/Sony CD Licensing program

IP/03/1150 – 06/08/2003 – Commission gives Microsoft last opportunity to comment before concluding its antitrust probe

IP/03/1136 – 31/07/2003 – Commission warns AstraZeneca of preliminary findings in Losec antitrust investigation

IP/03/1129 – 29/07/2003 – Commission Settles Marathon Case with German Gas Company BEB

IP/03/1117 – 25/07/2003 – Latest car price report shows that positive impact of the new block exemption is yet to come

IP/03/1106 – 24/07/2003 – New marketing system for Bundesliga broadcasting rights

IP/03/1105 – 24/07/2003 – Commission clears UEFA’s new policy regarding the sale of the media rights to the Champions League

IP/03/1089 – 23/07/2003 – Commission ready to ensure regulatory co-ordination in electronic communications

IP/03/1028 – 16/07/2003 – Commission fines Yamaha for restrictions of trade and resale price maintenance in Europe

IP/03/1026 – 16/07/2003 – Commission approves 3rd Generation mobile network sharing in Germany

IP/03/1025 – 16/07/2003 – High-speed Internet: the Commission imposes a fine on Wanadoo for abuse of a dominant position

IP/03/866 – 19/06/2003 – Commission takes issue with ‘Topp’s’ distribution practices for Pokémon collectible stickers and cards

IP/03/738 – 23/05/2003 – Commission clears ticketing arrangements for the Athens Olympic Games

IP/03/717 – 21/05/2003 – Commission fines Deutsche Telekom for charging anti-competitive tariffs for access to its local networks

IP/03/677 – 13/05/2003 – Green light for the introduction of a risk equalisation scheme in the Irish health insurance market

State aid

IP/03/1093 – 23/07/2003 – The Commission decides to examine aid granted to ABX Logistics

IP/03/1087 – 23/07/2003 – Commission approves aid for extension of Otto Versand mail order logistics centre in Eastern Germany

IP/03/1086 – 23/07/2003 – Commission approves EUR 24 million in aid to newsprint producer Shotton in North Wales

IP/03/1085 – 23/07/2003 – Commission gives conditional authorisation for aid to GAMESA

IP/03/1084 – 23/07/2003 – Commission approves capital injection of EUR 297.5 million into the Belgian Post Office

IP/03/1083 – 23/07/2003 – Inquiry into aid planned for the car maker De Tomaso in Calabria (Italy)

IP/03/1082 – 23/07/2003 – Commission launches formal investigation procedure into restructuring aid in favour of British Energy plc

IP/03/1081 – 23/07/2003 – Commission approves proposed aid in favour of VW Mechatronic in Stollberg (Germany)

IP/03/1080 – 23/07/2003 – Commission approves aid for Graphischer Maschinenbau GmbH, Germany

IP/03/1032 – 16/07/2003 – Belgian coordination centres: Commission decides to challenge Council decision

IP/03/980 – 09/07/2003 – Commission approves SNCM recapitalisation subject to strict conditions
IP/03/977 – 09/07/2003 – In-depth probe into aid for Infineon Technologies production site in Portugal

IP/03/974 – 09/07/2003 – Lake Maggiore / regional aid for road transport: Commission authorises Italian aid scheme

IP/03/972 – 09/07/2003 – Commission widens formal inquiry proceedings in MobilCom case

IP/03/971 – 09/07/2003 – Commission approves investment aid for the manufacture of optical photomasks in Dresden

IP/03/970 – 09/07/2003 – Commission approves grants for buyers of environmentally friendly insulation

IP/03/968 – 09/07/2003 – National airline insurance schemes: Commission authorises extension of the aid schemes put in place by nine countries

IP/03/895 – 25/06/2003 – Shipbuilding : European Commission extends the temporary defensive mechanism to Liquefied Natural Gas carriers

IP/03/887 – 24/06/2003 – Belgian tax regime for US Foreign Sales Corporations not in line with EU State aid rules

IP/03/885 – 24/06/2003 – Commission approves investment aid for European Optic Media Technology in Thüringen

IP/03/882 – 24/06/2003 – Dutch aid to HVC container terminal: Commission closes investigation

IP/03/881 – 24/06/2003 – United Kingdom authorised to grant investment aid to the coal industry

IP/03/824 – 11/06/2003 – Commission approves EUR 15 million regional aid for Volkswagen in Navarra

IP/03/819 – 11/06/2003 – Commission approves UK aid scheme to clean up contaminated sites and derelict land

IP/03/760 – 27/05/2003 – Commission expresses doubts about aid granted to Greek airlines following 11 September

IP/03/759 – 27/05/2003 – Commission authorises the United Kingdom to grant aid in respect of the closure of coal mines

IP/03/757 – 27/05/2003 – Commission approves additional compensation measures for UK Post Office Limited

IP/03/756 – 27/05/2003 – Commission approves aid for Merck BioFab biopharmaceutical plant in Eastern Germany

IP/03/755 – 27/05/2003 – Commission approves major part of planned Austrian aid for BMW’s engine plant in Steyr

IP/03/754 – 27/05/2003 – Commission takes two decisions on state aid procedures to public shipyards in Spain

IP/03/753 – 27/05/2003 – Investigation into planned aid to the Edscha group for a new plant in Ichtershausen (Thüringen)

IP/03/701 – 16/05/2003 – Maritime safety: Loyola de Palacio welcomes the agreement for new levels of oil pollution compensation.

IP/03/698 – 16/05/2003 – Special tax regime for international headquarters and logistic centres in France breaches State aid rules

IP/03/682 – 14/05/2003 – Commission approves proposed aid in favour of Adolf Jass Schwarz

IP/03/679 – 13/05/2003 – Commission gives the go-ahead for French tax measures for shipping companies

IP/03/678 – 13/05/2003 – Commission raises no objections to Irish State aid compensation payments to airlines

IP/03/649 – 07/05/2003 – Commission authorises Germany to grant EUR 3.3 billion aid to its coal industry

IP/03/641 – 07/05/2003 – Commission proposes Regulation to simplify use of State aid for SME research and development

Mergers

IP/03/1176 – 26/08/2003 – Commission authorises EDF to acquire full control of EDF Trading

IP/03/1172 – 21/08/2003 – Commission allows Crédit Agricole Belgique to be taken over by Belgian and French regional affiliates

IP/03/1167 – 19/08/2003 – Commission approves the acquisition of the Italian air and space company Avio by Carlyle and Finmeccanica

IP/03/1157 – 13/08/2003 – Commission clears the creation of a plastic and plastic moulding joint venture by Zeon and Teijin

IP/03/1148 – 04/08/2003 – Commission gives go-ahead to setting-up of Autoroute Ferroviaire Alpine, a joint venture between SNCF and TRENTITALIA

IP/03/1146 – 04/08/2003 – Commission clears Dutch joint venture between Cementbouw and ENCI
IP/03/1143 – 01/08/2003 – Commission clears acquisition of VDBO by Archer Daniel Midlands (ADM)
IP/03/1137 – 30/07/2003 – Commission clears Procter & Gamble’s acquisition of Wella subject to conditions
IP/03/1135 – 30/07/2003 – Commission clears acquisition of OMG’s precious metals division by Umicore
IP/03/1134 – 30/07/2003 – Commission clears JV between BASF and Glon Sanders in the animal feed and premix sector
IP/03/1131 – 29/07/2003 – Commission clears merger of nine distribution centres for VW / Audi spare parts
IP/03/1130 – 29/07/2003 – Conditional clearance for acquisition of joint control by Candover and Cinven of German publisher BertelsmannSpringer
IP/03/1126 – 28/07/2003 – Commission clears acquisition of sole control over STN Atlas by Rheinmetall
IP/03/1124 – 25/07/2003 – Commission clears acquisition of Cordiant by WPP
IP/03/1079 – 23/07/2003 – Commission clears DSM’s acquisition of the vitamins and fine chemicals division of Roche
IP/03/1078 – 23/07/2003 – Commission decides to carry out itself the inquiry into the planned acquisition of VUP by Lagardère
IP/03/1052 – 18/07/2003 – Commission clears acquisition of sole control over Brazilian mining company Caemi by iron ore producer CVRD, subject to conditions
IP/03/1046 – 18/07/2003 – Commission clears Heineken purchase of Austrian brewer BBAG
IP/03/1004 – 11/07/2003 – Commission approves merger between Konica and Minolta subject to commitments
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IP/03/951 – 04/07/2003 – Commission clears joint venture between Arcelor and Umicore
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IP/03/874 – 20/06/2003 – Commission approves merger of chemicals firms Vantico and Huntsman
IP/03/868 – 19/06/2003 – Commission clears Deutsche Post’s sole control of Securicor distribution activities
IP/03/861 – 18/06/2003 – Commission clears acquisition of Belgian aluminium firm Remi Claey’s Aluminium by Sweden’s Sapa
IP/03/838 – 13/06/2003 – Commission approves take-over of Fortum shareholdings by E.ON
IP/03/830 – 12/06/2003 – Commission clears acquisition of part of BP’s oil business in southern Germany by Austria’s OMV
IP/03/826 – 11/06/2003 – Commission clears Celanese oxo chemicals JV with Degussa
IP/03/825 – 11/06/2003 – Commission approves Austrian electricity merger subject to conditions and obligations
IP/03/820 – 11/06/2003 – Commission refers parts of milk merger to the UK authorities
IP/03/808 – 06/06/2003 – Commission initiates detailed inquiry into Lagardère’s acquisition of VUP
IP/03/766 – 27/05/2003 – Commission authorises acquisition of Royal Mail’s IT division by Computer — Sciences Corporation
IP/03/765 – 27/05/2003 – Commission authorises acquisition of Amey by Spanish construction group Ferrovial
IP/03/764 – 27/05/2003 – Commission clears ThyssenKrupp’s acquisition of French automotive supplier Soledit
IP/03/763 – 27/05/2003 – Commission clears purchase of orthopaedics products maker Centerpulse by Smith & Nephew
IP/03/751 – 26/05/2003 – Commission clears acquisition of sole control of Astrium by EADS
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IP/03/744 – 23/05/2003 – Commission extends its investigation into the SEB/Moulinex case
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IP/03/706 – 19/05/2003 – Commission clears Internet hotel bookings JV between Accor, Hilton and Six Continents through WorldRes Europe
IP/03/702 – 19/05/2003 – Commission approves TeliaSonera’s proposed buyers for Com hem and Telia Mobile Finland
IP/03/672 – 13/05/2003 – Commission gives the go-ahead to the creation of a joint venture for distribution to kiosks in Italy
IP/03/671 – 13/05/2003 – Commission clears CVC purchase of Danish building materials retailer Danske Trælast
IP/03/655 – 08/05/2003 – Commission closes its probe of Audiovisual Sport after Sogecable/Vía Digital merger

IP/03/639 – 06/05/2003 – Commission clears motorway foodservice JV between Compass and Cremonini
IP/03/614 – 02/05/2003 – Commission publishes best practice guidelines for divestiture commitments in merger cases

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IP/03/1027 – 16/07/2003 – Commission appoints Chief Competition Economist
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