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Commission Staff Working Paper (10.08.2011)

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Simplified Procedure: notification summaries

Invitation to comment on simplified procedure cases
The summaries of aid measures notified under the Notice on a Simplified Procedure for the treatment of certain types of State aid have been prepared by the Member States under their responsibility. The Commission can therefore not be held responsible for any incorrect or misleading information contained therein. Observations raising competition issues relating to the notified measure must reach the Commission no later than 10 working days following the date of the publication of a summary of notification. The submission shall include a non confidential version of the observations. For more information, click here
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### Decisions to open formal investigation

#### 1. Decisions taken by the Commission

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#### 2. Decisions pending OJ publication

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#### 3. Decisions published in the OJ from 08.08.2011 to 08.09.2011 – Formal comments period running

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* Since the OJ publication of no objection/no aid decisions follows very shortly their publication on the website, this section of the e-News focuses only on decisions to close formal investigations. For the latest texts of no objection/no aid decisions please look section 3 "Decisions published in the OJ".

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3. **Decisions published in the OJ**

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* Decisions not to raise objections are frequently grouped together in one single document for publication in the Official Journal. Since the link can only be made to the top of the first page of the document, you may have to scroll down in the document to find a particular case.

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### European Economic Area

Based on the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA), the EFTA States participating in the EEA have entrusted the EFTA Surveillance Authority and the EFTA Court with similar decision making powers to that of the Commission and the European Court of Justice, respectively, in the field of state aid for the EFTA States.

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2. **General Court**

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- none -

3. State Aid New Legislation

EFTA Surveillance Authority Decision amending, for the seventy-fourth time, the procedural and substantive rules in the field of State aid by introducing a new chapter on criteria for the analysis of the compatibility of State aid for training subject to individual notification.

Decision 471/09/COL of 25.11.2009
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4. Other EEA points of interest

- none -

Additional points of interest

Policy Objectives in Merger Control
Joaquin Almunia, Vice President of the European Commission responsible for Competition Policy
Fordham Competition Conference
New York, 8 September 2011
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Events

Services of General Economic Interest and State Aid: The Application of the Rules and National Experiences
This seminar is intended for officials of public authorities and of European Institutions, as well as for professionals from the private sector dealing with state aid granted to providers of services of general economic interest. Particularly, it would be of major interest to officials involved in the formulation of public service obligations, the award of contracts, the calculation of compensation and the notification of possible state aid to the European Commission.
Maastricht, 26-27 September 2011
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Second estimates for the second quarter of 2011: Euro area GDP and EU27 GDP up by 0.2%, +1.6% and +1.7% respectively compared with the second quarter of 2010
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