

Monday 12 March 2018

Roundtable to discuss merger review in the liner shipping sector and the application of competition law to Big Data and the sharing economy

08:45-09:00	Registration
09:00-09:15	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. WU Zhenguo, Director General, Anti-Monopoly Bureau, Ministry of Commerce- Mr Torben TOFT, Senior Expert, Directorate General for Competition, European Commission, Brussels
Moderator: Ms Hilary JENNINGS, Special Adviser on Competition Policy, EU-China Competition Co-operation	
09:15-12:00	Session I – Merger review in the liner shipping sector <p>Overview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trends in the sector: economies of scale and larger vessels, changes to the regulatory framework, consolidation with more integrated consortia and alliances, horizontal consolidation through mergers• Market definition in the sector• Impact of conferences, consortia and strategic alliance networks on competition, notably assessment of coordinated effects <p>Presentations by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Mr Henrik MØRCH, Director Markets and cases: Transport, post and other services, DG Competition, Brussels– Professor Dr. Stephan SIMON, Senior Expert Mergers/ Case Manager Services Industries, DG Competition, Brussels– Ms. XIE Lin, Anti-Monopoly Bureau, Ministry of Commerce <p>Q&A Session with all speakers and experts</p>
12:00-13:30	Lunch
13:30-16:45	Session II – Application of competition law to Big Data and the sharing economy <p>Overview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Characteristics of Big Data and the sharing economy• Big Data: framework for the assessment of big data issues

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sharing economy: framework for assessment; evaluating dynamic competition; balance between innovation and consumer welfare; if disruptors escape scrutiny under existing turnover thresholds – what then?; the potential for vertical integration and leveraging; network effects and platform dominance; suitability of traditional laws and tools and impact on ex ante control versus ex post supervision <p>Presentations by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Professor Dr. Stephan SIMON, Senior Expert Mergers/ Case Manager Services Industries, DG Competition, Brussels – Mr. CHENG Ranran, Anti-Monopoly Bureau, Ministry of Commerce – Mr. WANG Lile, Anti-Monopoly Bureau, Ministry of Commerce <p>Roundtable discussion and Q&A session with all speakers and experts</p>
16:45 – 17:00	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr. WU Zhenguo, Director General, Anti-Monopoly Bureau, Ministry of Commerce – Mr Torben TOFT, Senior Expert, Directorate General for Competition, European Commission