

**Day 1: Roundtable to discuss merger review in the liner shipping sector
and the application of competition law to Big Data and the sharing
economy**

Monday 12 March 2018

Agenda

08:45-09:00	Registration
09:00-09:15	<p>Opening remarks</p> <p>Mr. WU Zhenguo, Director General, Anti-Monopoly Bureau, Ministry of Commerce, PRC</p> <p>Mr Torben TOFT, Senior Expert, Directorate-General for Competition, European Commission, Brussels</p>
Moderator: Ms Hilary JENNINGS, Special Adviser on Competition Policy, Competition Cooperation Project	
09:15-12:00 (tea break decided by moderator depending on progress of the discussion)	<p>Session I – Merger review in the liner shipping sector</p> <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, Directorate-General for Competition, European Commission, Brussels – Professor Dr. Stephan SIMON, Senior Expert Mergers / Case Manager Service Industries, Directorate-General for Competition, European Commission, Brussels – Ms. XIE Lin, Anti-Monopoly Bureau, Ministry of Commerce, PRC <p>Q&A Session with all speakers and experts</p>



12:00-13:30	Lunch
13:30-16:45 (tea break decided by moderator depending on progress of the discussion)	<p>Session II – Application of competition law to Big Data and the sharing economy</p> <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 • 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, Directorate-General for Competition, European Commission, Brussels – Mr. CHENG Ranran, Anti-Monopoly Bureau, Ministry of Commerce, PRC – Mr. WANG Lile, Anti-Monopoly Bureau, Ministry of Commerce, PRC <p>Roundtable discussion and Q&A session with all speakers and experts</p>
16:45 – 17:00	<p>Closing remarks</p> <p>Mr. WU Zhenguo, Director General, Anti-Monopoly Bureau, Ministry of Commerce, PRC</p> <p>Mr Torben TOFT, Senior Expert, Directorate-General for Competition, European Commission, Brussels</p>

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