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Competition Challenges in the Transport Sector 2016

DAY 1: COMPETITION LAW CHALLENGES IN THE AVIATION SECTOR

08.30 Registration & Refreshments

09.00 Chair's Welcome and Introduction



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KEYNOTE ADDRESS

09.10 European Commission's Current Priorities in the Aviation Sector



Head of Unit, Transport, Post and Other Services, DG Competition EUROPEAN COMMISSION, Belgium

09.50 Alliances, Cooperation and Joint Ventures

• Back ... to the past: air passenger long-haul routes EU investigations

- The *Star Alliance* case: assessing efficiencies - The *Skyteam* case: barriers to entry/slot trading

• Up to ... the future: lessons learned for global/regional alliances

Deriving profitability on long-haul routes in a new code-sharing era
 Towards a new slot regulation (Better Airports Package towards)

Better Airlines Package?)



Jacques Derenne

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HOGAN LOVELLS INTERNATIONAL LLP, Belgium

10.35 Ticket Distribution, Online Booking and Pricing

• The airlines – GDS relationship – agency or distribution?

• Putting Lufthansa's new distribution policy in context

 Other developments at national level, including recent case law developments

Potential impact of the Commission's eCommerce sector inquiry



Jan-Peter Ross Legal Counsel DEUTSCHE LUFTHANSA, Germany



Kim Dietzel
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11.20 Morning coffee break

MERGERS

11.40 Review of International Merger Activity Part I: Focus on *Aer Lingus/Ryanair* merger

· Aer Lingus/Ryanair: retrospective on a nine-year struggle, key moments

IAG/Aer Lingus: lessons from the Commission's analysis

• Implications for further consolidation in the European airline sector



Alec Burnside

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CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT LLP, Belgium

12.20 Part II: Focus on FedEx/TNT merger

• Update on FedEx/TNT merger

• European Commission's drive for more efficient cross border deliveries

 How does the e-Commerce Sector Enquiry relate to the express deliveries sector?

 What lessons can be learned from FedEx/TNT for other mergers across the transport sector?



Gavin Bushell

Partner

BAKER & MCKENZIE CVBA/SCRL, Belgium

13.00 Lunc

14.00 Commercial and Regulatory Developments Affecting the Aviation Sector

Review of the Single European Sky

Update on the new directive on passenger name records

• Recent data protection developments

Denied boarding and delayed flights

Airports and airlines: issues arising out of these relationships



Alan Meneghetti
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UK



James Wynn-Evans Head of Consumers & Markets Legal Team CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY, UK 14.45 Follow on Damages in the Aviation Sector

• Specific challenges in the aviation sector

• Lessons learnt from Air Cargo case

Procedural issues, including new opt-out collective action procedure

Access to documents

• What should airlines do to prevent exposure to damages?



Omar Shah Partner

LATHAM & WATKINS LLP, UK

15.30 Afternoon coffee break

STATE SUPPORT

15.50 Current Issues in Ownership and Control

The Commission's priorities

Gulf airlines expansion into Europe

 What motivates the different approaches taken in Europe to Gulf airlines ownership?

Update on current investigations



Miguel Odriozola
Partner
CLIFFORD CHANCE LLP, Spain

5.35 State Aid and Airports Part I: A View from a Lawyer

 Lessons learnt from recent cases and investigations including Marseille, Charleroi, Zweibrucken airports and the Irish air tax

• Update on the new state aid guidelines: how are they applied in practice?

• How to develop new routes under the 2014 aviation guidelines?



Annabelle Lepièce
Partner
CMS DEBACKER, Belgium

17.10 Part II: A View from an Economist

• State aid issues in surface access to airports

Comparison to ports



17.30

Andrew Meaney Partner OXERA, UK

PANEL DISCUSSION

The Future of the Aviation Industry and Practical Challenges

Review of current market trends including convergence

• Developments in the airline sector

 The Commission's new aviation strategy, and potential implications for the sector

Competition issues in the aviation supply chain

 What is the interaction between the European Commission's rules and global developments in the aviation sector?

 Operating in a global world: current competition law challenges including DoJ's investigation

Moderator:



Miguel Odriozola Partner CLIFFORD CHANCE LLP, Spain

Panellists:



Emmanuelle Maire Head of Unit, Internal Aviation Market and Airports, DG Mobility and Transport EUROPEAN COMMISSION, Belgium

Chris Gadsden Head of Government Affairs EASYJET, UK

18.20 Chair's Closing Remarks and Close of Day 1



Natasha Franklin Competition Lawyer BRITISH AIRWAYS PLC, UK

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DAY 2: COMPETITION LAW CHALLENGES IN THE SHIPPING SECTOR

08.30 Registration & Refreshments

09.00 Chair's Welcome and Introduction



Luis Ortiz Blanco **GARRIGUES**, Belgium & Spain

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

European Commission's Priorities in the Shipping Sector 09.10



Acting Director, Directorate F (Transport, Post and Other Services), Head of Unit, F2 (State Aid in Transport) **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**, Belgium

PANEL DISCUSSION

09.50 Comparison of Current Challenges in Competition Law in the Aviation and Shipping Industries

- Why does the European Commission treat shipping and aviation differently?
- · Is there any continued justification for a block exemption for shipping alliances?
- Has EU competition policy in the maritime sector caught up with global shipping alliances and their implications?
- Are there hard economic differences between shipping and aviation?
- Review or different approaches to mergers, alliances and remedies Could there be a harmonised global regulation of aviation and shipping alliances?

Moderator:



Philippe Ruttley Partner INCE & CO, UK



Panellists: Fergus Randolph QC **BRICK COURT CHAMBERS, UK**



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10.50 Morning coffee break

Review of Alliances and Consortia Block Exemption in the 11.10 **Shipping Sector**

- Cooperation and consolidation
- · Horizontal agreements and arrangements
- Pricing and cost information
- Vessels sharing information
- How should alliances be regulated?
- What does the future hold for alliances?
- Review of recent policy debates in EU, USA and Asia
- Recent case law and its practical impact



Matthew Levitt

Partner

HOGAN LOVELLS INTERNATIONAL LLP, Belgium

11.55

- Review of legal developments at EU and national level
- Four conundrums:
 - What is driving consolidation?
 - How do you measure efficiencies?
 - How do you assess market structure?
 - When is a merger not a merger?



David Wood Partner **GIBSON DUNN, Belgium** 12.40 Lunch

13.40 **Price Signalling in Container Shipping:** Update on the Investigation

- The legal, economic and regulatory framework for price signalling and information exchange
- Update on the EU shipping investigation
- Parallel issues in other sector investigations (e.g. banking)
- Why is the Commission more concerned with information sharing in shipping than aviation?



Peter Camesasca

Partner

COVINGTON & BURLING LLP, Belgium

14.25

- Review of recent case law developments including RoRo case
- Developments in international enforcement and challenges of dealing with multiple authorities
- Cartel settlements
- Implications for potential follow on damages actions in the shipping industry?



James Aitken

Partner

FRESHFIELDS BRUCKHAUS DERINGER LLP, UK

PORTS

15.05 State Aid and Ports

- Development of state aid for ports: from user to operator to owner
- · Non-discriminatory access and state aid for user
- Full cost approach and state aid for operator
- Building new infrastructure: practical challenges



Philipp Werner

Partner

JONES DAY, Belgium

Afternoon coffee break

16.05 **Competition Law and Ports**

- Key competition law issues for executives of port companies and shipping companies
- Access to ports and operational issues
- M&A of ports: the merger control and state aid issues
- Pricing in ports
- Using competition law for competitive advantage in ports



Dr Vincent J G Power

Partner; Author of EU Shipping Law A&L GOODBODY, Ireland

16.45 The Treatment of Bulk Shipping

- Current challenges for ships operating in pools
- BIMCO POOLCON A and B
- LNG tankers
- Chemical tankers
- Forest product carriers



Marjorie Holmes

Partner

REED SMITH, UK

PANEL DISCUSSION

17.25 Practical Challenges in the Shipping Sector

- Application of competition law to ports and hinterland traffic
- Current practical challenges
- International developments and how to deal with the challenges of international regulatory coordination



Camilla Jain Holtse Chief Legal Counsel, Head of Competition Compliance MAÉRSK LINE A/S, Denmark



Maarten Meulenbelt Partner **SIDLEY AUSTIN LLP, Belgium**



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Chair's Closing Remarks and Close of Conference

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