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Editors' Note

We have used the modern referencing introduced by the Treaty of Lisbon 2009, referring to the European Court of Justice as 'CJEU' and the General Court as 'GC' and using the Treaty Articles from the TFEU and TEU throughout, with only occasional references to old numbering of the Treaties. We have used the term European Union (EU) to denote the political entity—with only occasional references to 'Community' or 'European Economic Community' or 'European Community'. We feel this makes the text easier to read for a modern audience.

We are aware that the four criteria/conditions of the *Altmark* are repeated in every chapter of the book. We have not edited this duplication because the chapters may be read as 'stand alone' chapters by some readers.

On a final reading of the chapters it became clear that the detailed analysis of the Almunia Package required an in-depth explanation of its content in the **Introduction** and this explains why the **Introduction** is much longer than is normally the case in the books in this series.

We have also used a 'light touch' in editing individual chapters, changing linguistic phrases and language only where we felt it was necessary to ease the reading and understanding of the text.

Tristan Naber compiled the Table of European Court cases and Commission Decisions. We also thank him, along with Dr Anne Witt, for help in translating some of the German language titles.

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Abbreviations

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| AG | Advocate General |
| CFEU | Charter on the Fundamental Rights of the European Union |
| CJEU | Court of Justice of the European Union |
| ERP | Equity risk premium |
| GC | General Court |
| NACM | Net avoided cost methodology |
| MEAT | Most economically advantageous tender |
| OJ | Official Journal of the European Union |
| PSC | Public service compensation |
| PSO | Public service obligation |
| SGEI | Service of general economic interest |
| SGI | Service of general interest |
| SME | Small & medium sized companies |
| SSGI | Social service of general interest |
| TEU | Treaty on European Union |
| TFEU | Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union |
| USO | Universal service obligation |
| WACC | Weighted average cost of capital |