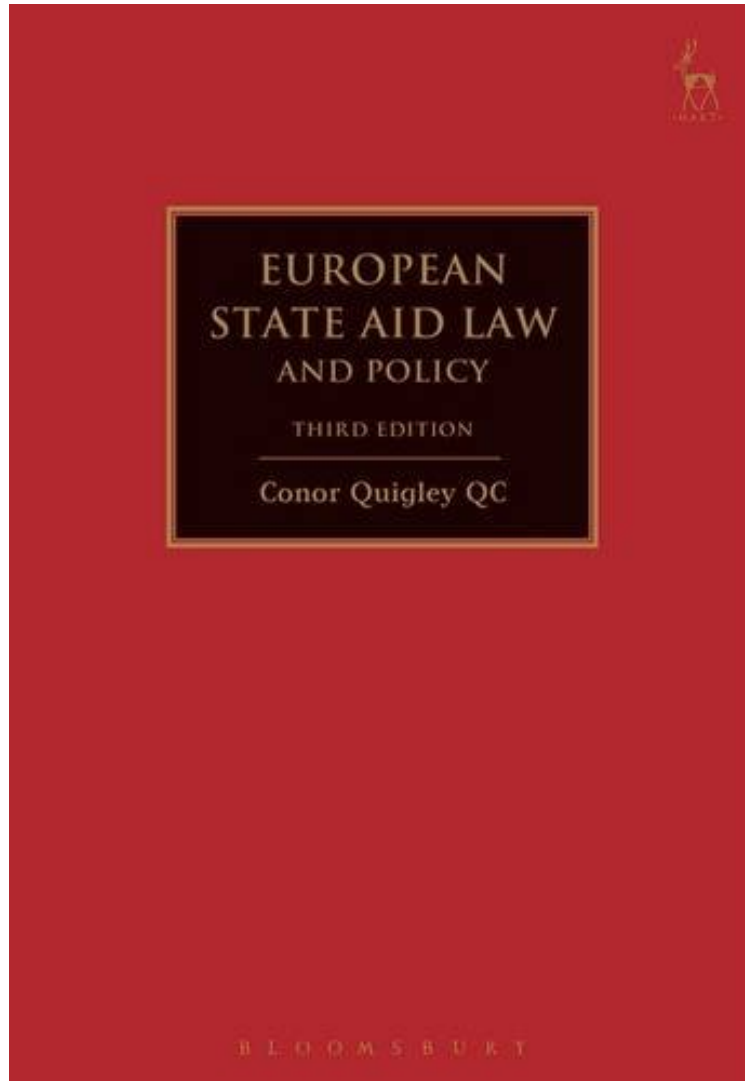


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engendered a formidable corpus of legislation which requires -- demands in fact the close analysis, explanation and commentary which this book amply provides, particularly in respect of recent developments and observations regarding the overlap between state aid and taxation. This raises the spectre of tax concessions to multi-national companies which may emerge, in effect, as a form of State aid. Although State aid remains a branch of competition law, says Quigley, the focus of attention has begun to swing toward taxation, particularly, international tax arrangements of multinational groups as a source of State aid. The book's third chapter discusses the various issues pertaining to taxation and State aid in detail. One can discern here a conflict of sorts between the duty of the European Union to establish a healthy internal market characterized by a high degree of competitiveness and the concept of State aid which confers an advantage on its recipients. Some would argue that State aid rather works against this aim as, one would assume, it could -- and almost certainly does -- interfere with market forces. But wait -- and be reminded that European State aid law and policy is a lot more complicated than that -- hence the pressing need for this book. State aid entails an economic advantage to the beneficiary says the author, adding that a proper understanding of the separate application of these notions of economic, selective and competitive advantage is crucial for a proper appreciation of the application of State aid law. The distinction between economic, selective and competitive advantage in matters relating to State aid is an important one, which Quigley explains in detail. It is also pointed out that State aid must contribute to EU objectives and that the European Commission has a wide discretion as to whether or not the granting of State aid may be permitted on the basis of the current legislation. Certainly, the Commission's supervisory duties are specifically addressed and reference is made to the new guidelines which apply to all the major policy areas for the period 2014-2020. Easily navigable, the book functions as a superb research resource, with its extensive footnotes and over eighty pages of tables of cases and of EU legislation. As a thorough and scholarly work of reference, it should be considered an essential acquisition for lawyers, academics and indeed all who are professionally involved in this increasingly complex area of law. European State aid law and policy, says the author, is, on the basis of available materials stated as at 1 September 2015.

This third edition of Conor Quigley's highly acclaimed book offers the most comprehensive and detailed examination of European state aid law. The book is designed to provide lawyers, regulators, public officials, and students with a definitive statement of the law and practice of state aid. At the same time as placing state aid law and policy in its economic, commercial, and industrial context, the book fully explores the concept of state aid and its function as a tool of EU law. All of this is achieved by means of the most thorough examination of the extensive jurisprudence of the European courts and the decisions, legislation, and guidelines of the European Commission in declaring aid compatible or incompatible with the internal market. The analysis incorporates all the developments wrought by the Commission's 2013 State Aid Modernization program, including detailed chapters on research and development, environment and energy, restructuring aid, risk capital for SMEs, as well as sectoral aid including, in particular, a detailed assessment of state aid and the financial crisis. The Commission's supervisory powers, as well as the means of enforcing state aid law in the EU and national courts, are also fully explained. ** Reviews of the Second Edition: "Readers will find a superb collection of cases...which allow them not only to gain clear guidance on all the issues, but also to carry out in-depth research alone when needed....an invaluable tool. Any lawyer looking for a thoroughly researched, concise and comprehensive treatise on state aid law is well advised to read Quigley." -- Dr. Michael Schutte, *Business Law International* ** "...this book is set to become one of the main sources of reference for practitioners and scholars as well as government and Commission officials....Both the legislation and the case law are set out in a concise, readable and practical manner...." -- Christiana Panayi, *British Tax Review* [Subject: European Law, Commercial Law]

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