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- Distress on the high street
- Direct to consumer
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This decision marks the resolution of a 15-year WTO dispute over US claims of illegal subsidies to support Airbus production.

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What responsibility, if any, falls on the influencer for social media product endorsements?

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California Supreme Court: PAGA plaintiffs cannot recover back wages in addition to civil penalties

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The decision is important because California plaintiffs are increasingly attempting to skirt valid arbitration agreements with class action waivers by bringing PAGA-only claims.

Chicago's Fair Workweek Ordinance will bring predictive scheduling requirements to the city

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For employers with Chicago operations, the new law will mean increased cost, additional notification and communication requirements, and less flexibility to react to staffing needs.

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In this issue, FDA warning letter puts papaya industry, and food sector, on notice; cell-based meat companies form trade group; Florida ponders reforming alcohol laws.

Velox Express: NLRB holds independent contractor misclassification does not itself violate the NLRA

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Classification of workers is a fundamental threshold issue under federal labor law.

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In this issue, FDA issues first warning letter under the FSMA foreign supplier verification requirements, Seattle wrangles over soda tax revenue, plus school meal standards, clean water, and Hep A in the news.

US Trade Representative publishes fourth list of Chinese products subject to Section 301 tariffs

19 August 2019

Yet more Chinese products will be subject to an additional 10 percent tariff.

2019 Budget moves towards providing an oversight framework for retail payments

14 AUG 2019

The Government of Canada's 2019 Budget, "Investing in the Middle Class" includes a plan to take the first steps towards establishing a new retail payment oversight framework to regulate payment service providers in Canada.

#Metoo legislation set to take effect in Illinois

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Many of the new limitations and obligations under the Workplace Transparency Act mirror legislation recently passed in New York and California.

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In this issue, Gottlieb calls on FDA to act on CBD, Arkansas meat-labeling law faces constitutional challenge, plus meatballs, leafy greens, GMOs.

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OEHHA's revised regulatory changes would make Prop 65 safe harbor defenses harder for many defendants: comment period closes 8/5/2019

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The revisions would significantly limit safe harbor provisions that protect against bounty hunters.

ACH debit entries: NACHA rule change and guidance from CFPB consent order - key takeaways on compliance

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Without proper consideration of the NACHA rule changes and the consent order, banks processing ACH debits may be exposed to unnecessary risk.

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In this issue: without proper consideration of the NACHA rule change and the CFPB consent order, banks processing ACH debits may be exposed to unnecessary risk; plus latest developments from the legislatures, the regulators and the courts.

Dallas employees may not want to call in sick

31 July 2019

An Austin-based conservative think tank filed suit this week against the City of Dallas arguing that the paid sick leave ordinance violates the United States Constitution.

Houston, we have a breach. Now what? Lessons learned from the SEC's Facebook settlement

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Much has been written about preventing breaches. But what should companies think about doing when they become aware of a breach?

Facebook announces Libra cryptocurrency – Congress responds

26 July 2019

The Libra/Calibra project - two recent congressional hearings.

Puerto Rico changes its business permitting process

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Among the most notable changes is the implementation of a Single Permit (Permiso Único).

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In this issue, lawsuits fight state meat-labeling laws, call for cancer warning on alcohol, high court strikes down Tennessee alcohol sales statute, plus bison, blood pressure, beverage taxes, best if used by.

Pharmaceuticals sector update

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We are pleased to present to you our periodical legal update on developments in the Russian pharmaceutical sector. It is intended to give you brief outline on key regulations and other important activities and trends in the industry.

Updated guide on the insurability of GDPR fines across Europe

11 July 2019

We've partnered again with Aon for the second edition of The Price of Data Security, our guide to the insurability of GDPR fines across Europe, which includes common issues faced by organisations and practical case studies.

EU Impact - Issue 5/2019

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Despite record temperatures in some EU countries these days, political developments in Brussels and Member States' capitals have rather sped up than slowed down. Following the elections to the EU Parliament in May 2019, the leaders of the EU Member States have been engaged in intense negotiations on the upcoming major re-shuffle of EU top jobs.

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In this issue, an analysis of California's recent law regarding chatbots, plus the latest developments from the legislatures, the regulators and the courts.

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In this issue, consortium blockchain governance, plus the latest legal developments in blockchain technology, smart contracts and digital assets.

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In this issue, FDA settles suit on deadlines for reporting on high-risk foods, TTB announces new "Conditional Approval" process for alcohol labels, plus PFAS, biotech, added sugars, frozen food recalls.

Who's that bot? California requires clear disclosure starting 7/1/2019

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A California law attempts to tackle the problem of automated online accounts that simulate conversation – and that are used to confuse or deceive.

Major developments in class action litigation for 2018 – 2019

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A top-level look at class action litigation for 2018-2019 and a look at trends, issues, and strategies that businesses face in the months to come.

***District of Columbia v. Facebook*: General Consumer Protection Statute can serve as vehicle for state attorney general seeking redress for data privacy violations**

12 June 2019

This case should be carefully examined by entities that collect data for a number of reasons.

Top 10 IP developments in China

11 June 2019

DLA Piper's IPT group explain the top 10 recent IP developments in China. This alert covers issues ranging from amendments to China's key IP laws and technology import/export regulations to the establishment of Internet Courts and adoption of blockchain technology in court cases.

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10 June 2019

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In this issue, Sharpless pledges continuity, fruit juice linked to higher mortality, court OKs mobile vendor rule, plus kombucha, alcohol, salt, SNAP.

Nevada colors within the lines of CCPA, offering a do not sell right for covered information

10 JUN 2019

The bill offers a more workable and understandable alternative to the CCPA, with rights tied to clearer definitions and provisions that will require fewer operational resources to implement.

Diversity and Inclusion - how does the retail sector fare in the boardroom?

5 JUN 2019

With diversity and inclusion fast becoming a hot topic on the agenda for almost every business across the globe, there is no doubt that the requirement for a more diverse board is increasing.

The consumer goods and retail landscape is rapidly evolving. Now more than ever, consumers are seeking more diverse products from which to choose and a variety of different ways to shop. With the need for the overall customer experience to reflect this broadening diversity, is the sector sufficiently diverse to be equipped with the varied cultural knowledge and understanding to take on the challenge?

Supreme Court: employers defending against Title VII discrimination or retaliation claims must timely assert employee's failure to first file EEOC charge

5 JUN 2019

A simple step may preserve a potentially dispositive defense that is otherwise waived if not timely asserted.

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In this issue, website accessibility – the growing regulatory and litigation risk, plus latest developments from the legislatures, the regulators and the courts.

Website accessibility – not just about complying with the ADA

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Both regulatory and litigation risks related to website accessibility are on the rise.

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Bellwether trials in MDL proceedings – guidance for transferee judges

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Practical considerations for transferee judges establishing and implementing bellwether protocols in MDL proceedings.

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10 MAY 2019

With only two weeks left until the European elections of 23-26 May 2019, Europeans find themselves at the beginning of a months-long period of crucial transformations that are expected to significantly impact citizens and businesses in the medium- and long term.

Food and Beverage News and Trends

10 MAY 2019

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In this issue, Q1 food recalls down, FDA bolsters oversight of biologically modified animals, Texas approves to-go beer sales from breweries, Louisiana bans cauliflower "rice."

DOL weighs in on gig worker classification

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The DOL opinion letter concludes that a company's workers are independent contractors, not employees.

Washington state seeks repeal of Electronic Authorization Act

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Washington state moves steadily toward recognizing E-SIGN

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In this issue, go-slow approach urged for salt reduction plan, developments in state alcohol regulation, and sweeteners in the news

CCPA update: The California Assembly Privacy Committee begins smoothing some rough edges

26 APR 2019

The California Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee has begun the important work of clarifying significant ambiguities in the California Consumer Privacy Act.

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The inaugural issue looks at the SEC's Digital Guidance Framework and No Action Letter and covers the latest legal developments in blockchain technology, smart contracts and digital assets.

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15 APR 2019

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In this issue: Three more states move to prohibit use of term "meat" for cell-cultured products, and when is rice not rice?

So you want to go digital...

11 APR 2019

This article assists businesses in identifying the core issues that must be addressed to ensure the legal sufficiency of transactions conducted on eSignature platforms.

New Acting FDA Commissioner Sharpless: 4 policy issues to watch

9 APR 2019

A look at four pressing, high-profile issues facing the new acting FDA commissioner.

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In this issue, livestock groups ask for change in regulation of genetically engineered animals, state legislatures ponder alcohol laws.

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In this issue, Washington state moves closer to E-SIGN, plus the latest developments from the legislatures, the regulators and the courts.

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In this issue, the new prepaid rule may affect virtual currency wallet providers, plus the latest developments from the legislatures, the regulators and the courts.

As new prepaid rule takes effect, virtual currency wallet providers need to take notice

29 MAR 2019

While much focus has been on how the new rule impacts traditional prepaid card issuers, the Prepaid Rule is sufficiently broad

that it could apply to virtual currency wallets.

EU Policy & Regulatory Update - European Parliament Adopts EU Copyright Reform

28 MAR 2019

Following two and a half years of negotiations and unprecedented public attention, the European Parliament adopted the controversial EU copyright reform in its plenary session on 26 March 2019.

EU Policy & Regulatory Alert: EU Mechanism for Foreign Investment Screening to Enter into Force in April

21 MAR 2019

Today, on 21 March 2019, the new Regulation establishing a framework for the screening of foreign direct investments into the Union was published in the Official Journal of the European Union (EU).

March 2019 - Key issues in brand cross-licensing in China

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In recent years, Chinese brands have been increasingly gaining global recognition, especially in the technology, ecommerce, and consumer goods sectors. In this context, an increased number of foreign businesses are considering branded partnerships with a Chinese counterparty as a way of operating in China (e.g., co-branded joint venture). In recent years, Chinese brands have been increasingly gaining global recognition, especially in the technology, ecommerce, and consumer goods sectors. In this context, an increased number of foreign businesses are considering branded partnerships with a Chinese counterparty as a way of operating in China (e.g., co-branded joint venture).

Top of Mind: Litigation

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In this issue, our coverage of 10 big topics businesses have been thinking about this quarter.

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In this issue, Dietary Guidelines panel to hold first meeting, new acting director for FDA, states look at their alcohol laws.

Preparing to comply with the new proposed federal overtime rule: 5 action steps for employers

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If finalized, the new rule's most significant impact will be to raise the minimum salary an employee must be paid to be exempt from overtime under the FLSA.

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PFAS: in California, regulators put cleanup levels on hold, but announce major data hunt

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This data hunt will affect thousands of facilities, drinking water systems and private drinking water well owners.

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DLA Piper in Latin America: 2018 in review

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While challenges always lie ahead, we are excited by the region's continuing growth.

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In this issue, digitally complying with data breach notification laws, plus the latest developments from the legislatures, the regulators and the courts.

Digitally complying with data breach notification laws: a little planning goes a long way

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Can you send an electronic data breach notice?

Data privacy law: the top global developments in 2018 and what 2019 may bring

25 FEB 2019

In 2018, the world saw numerous significant privacy law developments, a trend that is continuing in 2019.

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In this issue, FDA moves against false claims for dietary supplements, court grants injunction against city law on sugary-drink ads.

Five ways to proactively develop and protect your brand in Australia

21 FEB 2019

Inadvertent infringement or issues with registering a core trademark have the potential to stall the growth trajectory of a business. In this article, we look at five ways to proactively develop and protect a brand in the Australian market.

Nondisclosure provisions and mandatory arbitration under fire in New Jersey

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The legislation will significantly impact the tools available to employers to address claims of workplace discrimination, retaliation and harassment.

Sharpen your pencils: California AG's Office announces start of its important CCPA pre-rulemaking and schedule for issuing its important CCPA rules

13 FEB 2019

Because the CCPA is littered with drafting errors and confusing definitions, this AG rulemaking is extremely important.

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Pay Later: A new model for retail payments?

6 FEB 2019

On 16 January 2019 SWIFT, the global provider of secure financial messaging, announced the launch of a new "Pay Later" API standard.

Private equity acquisition of multiple-unit franchises: 8 likely negotiation points

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Private equity firm ownership of multiple-unit franchises is a trend that is likely to continue at a significant pace.

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Fairness by Design

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The "net impression" created by the consumer's entire online interaction with a site will be reviewed by regulators and the courts when evaluating regulatory compliance.

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In this issue, FDA continues crucial food surveillance, shutdown hamstrings craft brewers, plus news about meat, whiskey, and Tennessee's alcohol retail law.

California Consumer Privacy Act: what's new for retailers?

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Particular features of the CCPA affect the retail industry in unique ways.

5 antitrust trends to watch in 2019

14 JAN 2019

2018 was a memorable year for antitrust law and all signs point to 2019 being equally memorable.

Global Employment Law Quiz 2019

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The annual quiz about global developments and trends in employment law.

Singapore deposits OECD Multilateral Instrument

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Multinationals that have a holding, financing, or intangible property company in Singapore are taking note.

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In this issue, FDA head chides e-cigarette makers, USDA announces GMO labeling rules, grocery manufacturers implement new use-by labeling, plus: beer.

2018: the year in privacy

3 JAN 2019

A landmark year in state consumer privacy legislation.

CCPA: risk of class actions makes early preparation imperative

21 DEC 2018

Failure to address risk mitigation now could lead to significant liability if a company is breached following the CCPA's January 1, 2020 effective date.

The Music Modernization Act: stronger protections for artists and publishers

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The MMA revamps the Copyright Act in three major aspects.

Supreme Court Corner Q4 2018

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A trademark case concerning the Lanham Act's prohibition of "immoral" marks; a patent case asking whether the government is a "person" under the AIA.

Taking part in 2018 ANA/BAA Marketing Law Conference

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In this issue, digitally transforming your business – the year's big legal and regulatory developments and breaking news.

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In this issue, one source of romaine outbreak identified, guidance for California alcohol retailers in aftermath of fires

A watershed moment for hemp and hemp-based CBD

14 DEC 2018

The 2018 Farm Bill creates a clear regulatory structure for the commercial development of industrial hemp, as well as stronger legal protections for hemp and hemp-based derivatives, like CBD.

California Proposition 65 lists two chemicals, PFOA and PFOS, found in a number of consumer products

12 DEC 2018

Given Prop 65's active and litigious enforcers, companies doing business in California that suspect their products may cause an exposure to PFOA/PFOS should consider compliance options now.

Global Anticorruption Newsletter

5 DEC 2018

DLA Piper's *Global Anticorruption Newsletter* offers practical guidance on complying with international bribery laws.

The European Data Protection Board issues long-awaited guidelines on the territorial scope of the GDPR

30 NOV 2018

Among other provisions, the Guidelines concern GDPR's application to entities in the EU even when they process personal data of persons outside the EU.

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In this issue, a fintech Q&A with the team, plus the latest developments from the legislatures, the regulators and the courts

BIS wants your help with emerging technology export controls

26 NOV 2018

The Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) has issued an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) requesting public comment on identifying "emerging technology."

Law à la Mode: Word of the industry's mouth; Enforcement of IP rights through Ukrainian customs register; E-commerce in Poland; The development of artificial intelligence in the fashion industry; and more

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EU Policy & Regulatory Alert: New Regulation on Foreign Direct Investment Screening in the EU

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The European Union is moving fast towards establishing a joint regulatory and policy framework for Europeans to seize the opportunities provided by Artificial Intelligence (AI) and to reinforce Europe's competitiveness in this field.

Disputes in an M&A context

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This article explores some of the provisions in transaction documentation which, if inadequately or inappropriately addressed, can lead to disputes in an M&A context.

FTC finds keyword search advertising agreements anticompetitive

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A decision that could have far-reaching implications for retailers and manufacturers engaged in direct online sales.

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In this issue, FDA plans new restrictions on e-cigarettes, FDA and USDA announce details on joint regulation of cell-cultured

meats, Chicago voters say yes to plastic straw ban, more.

GCC Roundup labour law developments and public holidays

15 NOV 2018

There are a number of considerations relating to the labour law landscape across the GCC: regulations around public holidays, the Anti-Harassment Law in Saudi Arabia, amendments to the social insurance laws in Bahrain and Kuwait and in the UAE, changes to expatriate visas and a new resolution to protect people with disabilities.

UK Budget 2018

29 OCT 2018

On 29 October 2018, the UK Chancellor Philip Hammond delivered the final UK Budget before the Brexit deadline.

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In this issue, Walmart food safety executive joins FDA, redefining "healthy," revisiting standards of identity, more.

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The consequences of non-compliance can be significant.

CFIUS pilot program mandates declarations for certain non-controlling investments in critical technologies

17 OCT 2018

The pilot program covers critical technologies in 27 industries.

Recent Landmark Case on Comparative Advertising in Hong Kong

12 OCT 2018

On 5 September 2018, the Hong Kong Court of First Instance handed down a significant win to Hong Kong Broadband Network Limited (HKBN) in dismissing a trade mark infringement claim brought against it by the PCCW-HKT group (PCCW). The case is the first decision the Hong Kong Court has made on section 21 of the Trade Mark Ordinance (Cap. 559) (TMO) and provided important guidance on the use of trademarks in the context of comparative advertising.

HKBN was represented by the legal team from DLA Piper Hong Kong led by May Ng, Partner, assisted by Queenie Chan, Associate.

New York state issues final guidance regarding anti-sexual harassment legislation

8 OCT 2018

With the finalized guidance in hand, New York employers should consider a number of actions.

Section 301 additional tariffs on imports of Chinese products: options for high tech and manufacturing companies

3 OCT 2018

Additional tariffs of 10 percent or 25 percent have been imposed on three different lists of thousands of imports from China. Companies can request exclusion from these tariffs.

New tools of the trade (mark) - changes to the parallel importation defence, unjustified threats and trade mark prosecution procedure

3 OCT 2018

On 24 August 2018, the Intellectual Property Laws (Productivity Commission Response Part 1 and Other Measures) Act 2018 (Cth) (the Act) amended a number of key provisions of the Trade Mark Act 1995 (Cth). Our alert sets out a summary of the relevant changes and implications for businesses operating in Australia.

Food and Beverage News and Trends

1 OCT 2018

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In this issue, the FDA ponders releasing retailer names during food recalls and takes major steps against e-cigarettes.

DLA Piper hosts clients at INTA Annual Meeting in Seattle

27 SEP 2018

More than 10,000 trademark professionals and brand owners from around the world took part in the 140th International Trademark Association Annual Meeting.

How blockchain, Internet of Things and smart contracts improve the supply chain

27 SEP 2018

Incorporating three key technologies into the supply chain can significantly improve profitability while reducing risk.

New York City amends Human Rights Law – employers must engage in "cooperative dialogue" with employees seeking accommodation

27 SEP 2018

The written documentation requirements and expanded dialogue obligations are noteworthy and significant.

Four tips for an effective eDiscovery plan in China

19 SEP 2018

A timely and well-documented eDiscovery plan, comprehensively addressing compliance with local laws, can also go a long way to address potential post-collection inquiries.

eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

14 SEP 2018

[ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

In this issue, remote notarization – US state requirements, plus blockchain, the new stablecoin, the validity of esignatures, and more.

Argentina: new export duties in force; peso devaluation may impact inflation

13 SEP 2018

The Argentine executive branch has established new export duties with the goal of reducing Argentina's fiscal deficit. Meanwhile, the peso's recent devaluation is expected to have an impact on inflation.

California Cruelty-Free Cosmetics Act to ban most animal testing for beauty products: key points

12 SEP 2018

Given the dominance of the California market, cosmetic companies are considering how they will adjust their development processes ahead of the 2020 deadline.

New York City and State publish materials aimed at combatting workplace sexual harassment

12 SEP 2018

New York State and New York City each publish materials to assist New York-based employers in complying with legislation aimed at sexual harassment prevention and remedies.

Food and Beverage News and Trends

7 SEP 2018

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In this issue, FDA chief Gottlieb speaks out against kratom, plus kids' meals, milk, and meat in the news

China kicks off individual income tax law reform

6 SEP 2018

Regarded as the most influential amendment to the Individual Income Tax Law so far, the law is also a new beginning for IIT Law reform in China.

The Second Circuit rules against DOJ's aggressive assertion of extraterritorial FCPA jurisdiction over foreign accessories

29 AUG 2018

The ruling stands to limit DOJ's ability to bring FCPA charges against foreign nationals who do not travel to the US.

Food and Beverage News and Trends

20 AUG 2018

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In this issue, FDA to provide more info on food packaging terms, plus raw milk, lab meat, GMOs, and a cattle feedlot becomes a suspect.

HMRC releases data on transfer pricing, diverted profit tax: key takeaways

14 AUG 2018

HMRC's publication of transfer pricing and diverted profits tax data for 2017/8 shows increasing activity and revenue collected from multinationals.

FIRRMA, reforming CFIUS process, is signed into law

13 AUG 2018

FIRRMA will now broadly take effect with respect to any covered transaction whose review or investigation is initiated on or after August 13, 2018.

The new revenue recognition rules and what they mean to non-public franchisors

30 JUL 2018

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RR 606 requires companies licensing IP to re-evaluate the way they recognize revenue from certain fees, including initial franchise fees.

Food and Beverage News and Trends

27 JUL 2018

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In this issue, FDA says it will begin to take action against nondairy milk products.

You may be surprised to learn you are selling unregistered pesticides – key points for retailers to help avoid liability

26 JUL 2018

Retailers and manufacturers face significant liability for selling products they do not realize are pesticides and that would not, in fact, be pesticides if not for careless labeling.

Congress finalizes CFIUS reform bill to broaden national security reviews of foreign investments

25 JUL 2018

A summary of the major changes FIRRMA presents to the CFIUS review process.

Food and Beverage News and Trends

29 JUN 2018

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In this issue, FDA moves to assert jurisdiction over lab-grown meat, court affirms ruling on glyphosate safety

South Dakota v. Wayfair: SCOTUS overturns *Quill*, permitting states to require Internet sellers to collect sales and use tax

25 JUN 2018

Taxpayers should expect a proliferation of state sales and use tax nexus provisions in the near future.

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15 JUN 2018

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In this issue, suit against ag-gag law revived, movement against plastic straws grows, Golden Rice nutrient claim rejected.

Russia's new VAT rules on cross-border e-commerce services: key points for B2B service providers

14 JUN 2018

Russia has introduced new value-added tax (VAT) rules pertaining to certain cross-border e-commerce services.

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1 JUN 2018

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In this issue, salmonella outbreak linked to eggs, a legal definition of "meat," call for new safety requirements for produce.

What can Al Capone teach us about business and human rights?

23 MAY 2018

You may well ask - how on earth can a mafia capo in Chicago from the early 20th century have anything to do with Business and Human Rights in the 21st century?

Law à la Mode: Social Media Influencers & Effective Disclosures, IP and E-Commerce: Your basic checklist, Longchamp's Handbag Copyright Saga, IP Protection of Fashion Shows in Italy and more

21 MAY 2018

LAW À LA MODE SERIES

The UK editorial team is delighted to bring you this special edition of Law à la Mode, produced by DLA Piper's Retail Sector group for distribution to clients and contacts of the firm worldwide and marking the 140th Annual Meeting of INTA in Seattle.

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18 MAY 2018

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California Supreme Court adopts broad "ABC" test for determining employment relationship

11 MAY 2018

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Franchisors are taking note of this long-awaited decision.

Puerto Rico's Dealers Act: what every principal should know before selling products or services in Puerto Rico

2 MAY 2018

The act provides Puerto Rican distributors with powerful protections and has been the source of substantial litigation over the years.

Regulating "trading practices" in B2B supply chains - EU / UK regulations and proposals on contracting and payments between businesses

1 MAY 2018

This article discusses recent scrutiny and existing regulations of business-to-business relationships at the EU and UK levels (including the draft EU Directive on unfair trading practice in B2B food supply chain and draft EU Regulation on online intermediation services, both published in April 2018) and sets out the key considerations for businesses operating within EU supply chains.

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26 APR 2018

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Multinationals take note: tax changes in Oman and considerations for foreign investors

24 APR 2018

Services provided by foreign persons to residents of Oman will be subject to Omani withholding tax, wherever the services are performed.

Section 301 trade action against Chinese products: time for quick action

4 APR 2018

Companies wishing to seek removal of a product from the final list have the opportunity to present their views, but less than two months remain before the window completely closes.

EU adopts directive on mandatory disclosure of aggressive tax planning schemes: key takeaways

22 MAR 2018

Enterprises and investors with any EU nexus should be aware that the disclosure requirement will apply to all "intermediaries" and possibly their clients involved in cross-border tax arrangements.

China begins Environment Protection Tax collection: key takeaways

19 MAR 2018

The tax requires both technological analysis and accounting calculation.

Retail Reimagined: technologies that will drive global disruption over the next ten years

26 FEB 2018

DLA Piper Retail Sector together with Retail Week are delighted to bring you a thought leadership report looking into the future technological changes likely to impact retailers.

Australian mandatory data breach notification regime

22 FEB 2018

The mandatory data breach notification regime will be in force in Australia from 22 February 2018, after the federal Government introduced the Privacy Amendment (Notifiable Data Breaches) Bill 2016 to amend the Privacy Act. Our alert sets out some answers to the key questions being asked around the regime.

COFECE launches abuse of dominance investigation on e-commerce platforms in Mexico

12 FEB 2018

The investigation encompasses an array of e-commerce market participants.

Export control: finally, at long last, the "Licence Zero"

8 FEB 2018

The new Legislative Decree no. 221 of 15 December 2017 entered into force on 1 February 2018.

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Cybersecurity and data protection laws are evolving across Asia

27 DEC 2017

Cybersecurity and data protection laws are changing rapidly across Asia, and companies wishing to avoid losing their business operations in key countries are taking note.

Tax reform brings changes to executive compensation and employee benefits

20 DEC 2017

Changes to taxation of executive compensation and employee benefits in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

Law à la Mode: Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality; Insta-worthy or Insta-infringement; E-commerce in Poland; Harnessing hidden advertising; and more

20 DEC 2017

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The Asia Pacific editorial team is delighted to bring you the 24th edition of Law à la Mode, the quarterly legal magazine published by DLA Piper's Retail Sector group for clients and contacts of the firm worldwide.

Food and Beverage News and Trends

19 DEC 2017

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Supreme Court Corner: Q1 2017

30 MAR 2017

Key Supreme Court decisions in the copyright and patent areas.

Opportunity for temporary duty suspension or reduction - submit petitions for Miscellaneous Tariff Bills to ITC by 12/12/16

1 NOV 2016

Interim rules governing the petition process and a web portal – the MTB Petition System – to facilitate submission of duty suspension requests.

Slavery in the supply chain: new corporate reporting obligations for companies

9 DEC 2015

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The UK's Modern Slavery Act 2015 is in force, imposing on companies new reporting requirements and new enforcement powers, including the creation of an Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner.

Supply chain planning in the post-BEPS era: five questions for MNEs

22 JUL 2015

After BEPS actions are incorporated into OECD documents and local legislation, tax planning opportunities will still exist, but realizing the benefits of tax planning will require a greater emphasis on economic substance. One often-overlooked area of opportunity is tax-efficient supply chain planning.

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17 September 2019
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25 JUN 2019
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DLA Piper advises on the USD225 million investment in Russia's retailer Familia by TJ Maxx owner

25 November 2019

DLA Piper has acted as lead tax advisor to several shareholders of Familia, Russia's leading off-price apparel and home fashions retailer, on the USD225 million sale of a 25% minority ownership stake to The TJX Companies, Inc.

"Smart home" guide launched by The Smart Technology Product Safety Stakeholder Group

6 November 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper and leading consumer protection charity Electrical Safety First (ESF) have combined forces to create the first 'smart home' technology guide for consumers, launched yesterday in the UK.

DLA Piper advises Authentic Brands Group in its acquisition of iconic Barneys New York

1 November 2019

DLA Piper represented Authentic Brands Group, LLC (ABG) in their purchase of the intellectual property of legendary luxury retailer, Barneys New York.

DLA Piper advises WH Smith in its US\$400 million acquisition of Marshall Retail Group

18 October 2019

DLA Piper advised UK retailer WH Smith in its US\$400 million acquisition of Marshall Retail Group.

DLA Piper advises NEA in their US\$50 million Series C financing in Tamara Mellon Brand, Inc.

1 July 2019

DLA Piper represented New Enterprise Associates, Inc. (NEA) in connection with its participation in a US\$50 million Series C financing in Tamara Mellon Brand, Inc., a Los Angeles-based direct-to-consumer luxury footwear company started by Jimmy Choo co-founder, Tamara Mellon.

New report finds retail sector leadership diversity deficit will affect future competitiveness

5 JUN 2019

DLA Piper and executive recruitment and diversity consultancy Green Park today launch *The Retail Leadership 700* report, which reveals for the first time the extent of the lack of diversity within the leadership teams of the top US, UK and European retailers.

DLA Piper advises underwriters in US\$90 million underwritten follow-on offering for The Lovesac Company

23 MAY 2019

DLA Piper represented the underwriters in a follow-on public offering of 2.5 million shares of common stock of The Lovesac Company (NASDAQ: LOVE).

DLA Piper advises Alsea on bond placement

21 MAY 2019

DLA Piper represented Alsea S.A.B. de C.V., a Mexico City-based operator of quick service restaurants, coffee shops and casual dining establishments in Latin America and Spain, in obtaining authorization from the Mexican National Banking and Securities Commission (CNBV) to issue a revolving registered public offering of short and long term senior notes valued at US\$523 million (MX\$10 billion), as well as conducting the first and second bond placements for a total amount of MX\$4 billion.

DLA Piper advises Shorenstein in purchase and financing of office, retail and parking at MiamiCentral Station

13 MAY 2019

DLA Piper represented Shorenstein in the purchase and financing of the 2MC North Office Element and the 3MC Office, Retail and Parking Elements within MiamiCentral Station, a nine-acre mixed-use railroad station development complex known as Virgin MiamiCentral in downtown Miami.

DLA Piper lawyers and practices ranked in latest Chambers edition

30 APR 2019

DLA Piper today announced that 158 of the firm's lawyers and 64 of its practices were ranked in *Chambers USA's* 2019 guide.

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DLA Piper advises on the sale of L.K. Bennett to Byland UK

12 APR 2019

DLA Piper has advised administrators EY in connection with the sale of the majority of the business and assets of the fashion retailer L.K. Bennett Limited in the UK & Ireland to Byland UK Limited for an undisclosed sum.

The sale includes the Company's headquarters, 21 stores, all of its concessions, and 325 employees, who will transfer across to the purchaser. Unfortunately, the 15 stores that were not included in the sale will be closed, resulting in the redundancy of around 110 employees.

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2019

1 APR 2019

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 77 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2019 in the United States and May 1, 2019 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions were made across many of the firm's practice areas in 43 different offices throughout 20 countries.

DLA Piper advises Hyper Pet in acquisition of OurPet's Company

29 MAR 2019

DLA Piper represented Hyper Pet LLC, a Wichita, Kansas-based leading provider of pet goods and accessories, in its acquisition of OurPet's Company, a leading pet supply company.

DLA Piper successfully defends Samsung Electronics against Dyson

29 MAR 2019

DLA Piper acted on behalf of Samsung Electronics GmbH to lift a temporary injunction obtained by Dyson AG in January 2018 from the District Court of Düsseldorf. The injunction prohibited Samsung from making certain advertising statements for battery-powered vacuum cleaners. As some of the prohibited statements were also on the packaging this led to a de facto ban on the sale for the battery-powered vacuum cleaner.

DLA Piper advises Mothercare on the sale of Early Learning Centre business to the Entertainer

26 MAR 2019

DLA Piper has advised UK retailer Mothercare plc on the £13.5 million sale of Early Learning Centre Limited to TEAL Brands Limited, a subsidiary of TEAL Group Holdings, the holding company of the Entertainer group of companies. Mothercare will use the proceeds from the sale to reduce its bank debt.

DLA Piper advises 2 Sisters Food Group on the sale of its sandwich business to Samworth Brothers

31 OCT 2018

DLA Piper has advised 2 Sisters Food Group on the sale of its Manton Wood sandwich business to Samworth Brothers.

DLA Piper advises Cimpress in US\$280 million acquisition of BuildASign

28 SEP 2018

DLA Piper represented Cimpress N.V. in its US\$280 million acquisition of BuildASign, a Texas-based online provider of canvas wall décor, business signage and other large-format printed products.

Campos Mello Advogados advises Starboard in investment in Maquina de Vendas

18 JUL 2018

Campos Mello Advogados advised Starboard Restructuring Partners in the context of the debt restructuring of Maquina de Vendas Group, one of the largest retail groups in Brazil.

DLA Piper advises on the sale of dairy group Meadow Foods to exponent private equity

6 AUG 2018

DLA Piper has advised the management shareholders of long-standing client Meadow Foods in securing investment from Exponent, a private equity backer of a number of well-known brands.

DLA Piper team advises Mothercare on £32.5 million equity raise to save the company

3 AUG 2018

A London capital markets team of DLA Piper advised baby and maternity retailer Mothercare plc on its placing and open offer in July, raising £32.5 million through an issue of new shares listed on the main market of the London Stock Exchange. The fundraising is part of Mothercare's restructuring programme, which also calls for Mothercare to close 60 of its UK stores and which should ensure financial stability for the retailer after challenging times.

DLA Piper advises Lotus Bakeries on the acquisition of Kiddylicious

30 JUL 2018

DLA Piper has advised Lotus Bakeries "Lotus" on its acquisition of The Kids Food Company Limited and Kids Food Global Limited "Kiddylicious", an innovative British food company that creates nutritious, portion-controlled snacks and meals for babies, toddlers and pre-school children.

DLA Piper advises 2 Sisters Food Group on the sale of its red meat business to Kepak Group

30 JUL 2018

DLA Piper has advised Boparan Holdings Limited, the parent company of 2 Sisters Food Group, a leading UK food company, on the sale of its red meat business (2 Sisters Red Meat Limited) to Irish-based meat producer, Kepak Group.

DLA Piper recognized again as a Top Global Outsourcing Advisor

28 JUN 2018

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that the firm has been selected for the 2018 World's Best Outsourcing Advisors list by the International Association of Outsourcing Professionals (IAOP).

DLA Piper advises on the acquisition of the Austrian Haas Group by the Bühler Group

27 JUN 2018

DLA Piper has advised Haas Group, the Austrian world market leader of wafer, biscuits, and confectionery production systems, on the sale of their global group to the Swiss company Bühler AG.

DLA Piper advises Sole Source Capital on acquisition of Trade Supplies, LLC

27 JUN 2018

DLA Piper represented Sole Source Capital (SSC) in its acquisition of Trade Supplies, LLC.

DLA Piper advises Authentic Brands Group in competitive auction for Nine West

19 JUN 2018

DLA Piper represented Authentic Brands Group, LLC (ABG) in their purchase of the US shoe and accessories company Nine West Holdings Inc.

DLA Piper advised on Boscastle sale to Pacific Equity Partners

2 MAY 2018

DLA Piper advised Boscastle Pastries and Foods on its sale to Patties, owned by Pacific Equity Partners.

DLA Piper advises Waterlogic on Billi Group acquisition

30 APR 2018

DLA Piper has advised Waterlogic on its 100% acquisition of Melbourne-headquartered Billi, a leading designer, manufacturer and distributor of boiling, chilled and sparkling filtered drinking water under-the-sink units operating in Australia, the UK and international markets.

Angela Agrusa and Ann Lawrence named to *Los Angeles Business Journal's* 2018 Most Influential Women Attorneys list

26 APR 2018

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Los Angeles-based partners Angela Agrusa and Ann Lawrence, global co-chair of the firm's Retail Industry sector, have both been selected for the Los Angeles Business Journal's 2018 Most Influential Women Attorneys list.

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DLA Piper advises Fosun to become majority shareholder of Lanvin

23 FEB 2018

DLA Piper has advised Shanghai-based conglomerate Fosun International Limited and its subsidiaries, on the acquisition of a majority stake in French luxury couture house Jeanne Lanvin SAS. Founded in 1889, Lanvin is France's oldest fashion house in continuous operation.

DLA Piper advises China Merchants Group on US\$2.5 billion investment in China's JD.com logistic arm

15 FEB 2018

DLA Piper has advised China Merchants Group (CMG) on its investment in JD Logistics, a subsidiary company of China's largest retailer JD.com.

DLA Piper hosts Employment Seminar in Romania

5 FEB 2018

DLA Piper has hosted an Employment Workshop in Bucharest, Romania, to discuss some of the main hot topics and developments in Employment Law.

DLA Piper invited to participate in the GDPR conference organised by the National Supervisory Authority for Personal Data Processing in light of the forthcoming European Data Protection Day

31 JAN 2018

DLA Piper is proud to announce that Head of Intellectual Property & Technology in Bucharest Ana-Maria Andronic, and Intellectual Property & Technology senior associate, Alexandru Campean, were invited to speak at the "General Regulation on Data Protection" conference held on 26th January 2018. The event was held at the Parliament Palace and was organised by the National Supervisory Authority for Personal Data Processing.

DLA Piper advises Sytner Group on the acquisition of The Car People

19 JAN 2018

DLA Piper has advised the UK's largest franchised dealer group, Sytner, on its acquisition of The Car People, nearly doubling the size of their Used Vehicle Supermarket Division. This is Sytner's second car supermarket takeover in the last 12 months, having acquired CarShop earlier last year, a transaction in which DLA Piper also advised on.

DLA Piper advises Savills Investment Management on acquisition

9 JAN 2018

DLA Piper has advised the property fund manager, Savills Investment Management, on the establishment of its new fund Nordic Fund III – Retail, and the fund's subsequent acquisition of four retail parks in Haparanda, Borlänge, Uppsala and Uddevalla in Sweden from IKEA Centres.
