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- Similarly, our lawyers are leading practitioners before the executive, legislative and judicial institutions of the European Union.
- On a more localized level, we regularly represent clients on policy matters before national, provincial, state and local governments worldwide.
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German Government intends to broaden investment control scope and scrutiny, especially with regard to the health sector

22 May 2020

In addition to the intended amendments to the Foreign Trade and Payments Act Germany's Federal Government on 20 May 2020 has decided on a bill that broadens the scope and the scrutiny with regard to foreign investments.

COVID-19 - Time and cost claims under construction contracts in the UK

21 May 2020

On 10 May the UK Government announced a roadmap to ease the restrictions in place as a result of coronavirus, of particular relevance to the construction industry, the Government's guidance in relation to work has changed in emphasis. This article discusses the guidance aimed at the construction industry.

COVID-19 Public Procurement Guide

20 May 2020

Our procurement guide explains what over 30 countries and multinational organisations are doing in respect of issues such as maximising use of exemptions within the law, and addressing practicalities such as prompt payment or fair compensation for contracts suspended due to COVID-19.

Mexican renewable energy projects affected by new measures

19 May 2020

Foreign investors in wind and solar electricity generation facilities in Mexico may wish to consider their rights and potential remedies under applicable investment instruments.

Puerto Rico: Potential solutions for business agreements affected by the COVID-19 pandemic

15 May 2020

As businesses start to reopen and redefine their operations in Puerto Rico, they should also prepare for potential disputes.

COVID-19 and investment claims under NAFTA

15 May 2020

An examination of whether measures taken by States in response to the pandemic could provide a basis for claims under the North American Free Trade Agreement and more.

COVID-19: Regulation of Hotel Cancellations

14 May 2020

This article provides an overview of the governmental regulations, local laws and COVID-19 guidelines applicable to hotel owners and operators and the cancellation of guest bookings across 10 European jurisdictions.

Further amendments to English COVID-19 emergency regulations

13 May 2020

On 13 May 2020, the UK government amended its emergency legislation for COVID-19 to relax some of the lockdown restrictions in England. This article explains what the changes are and what they mean.

COVID-19: National security risks lead to expanded global foreign direct investment reviews

11 May

Key developments in global FDI review regimes.

US takes action to abate tariffs and duties in wake of COVID-19

8 May 2020

US importers may consider navigating the various tariff exemptions and deferrals in several ways.

Certainty for commercial parties

7 May 2020

The Court of Appeal (CoA) granted the Claimant, a Turkish construction company, an anti-suit injunction restraining an entity within the Chubb insurance group from continuing Russian court proceedings which the CoA ruled it had brought in breach of an arbitration agreement specifying London as the seat.

Coronavirus: Changes to rules governing meetings and the execution of company documents (Australia)

7 May 2020

Certain requirements in the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) (**Corporations Act**) relating to shareholders meetings, and document signatures, are not compatible with public health requirements for social distancing during the coronavirus pandemic. In order to facilitate these important corporate functions during this period, on May 6, 2020 the Australian Federal Government introduced the Corporations (Coronavirus Economic Response) Determination (No. 1) 2020.

This determination modifies the legislative requirements regarding meetings and execution of company documents. These changes come into force on 6 May 2020, and will expire after six months, on 5 November 2020.

BIS announces three new rules that place significant restrictions on exports to China

7 May 2020

These rules will subject many products and technologies to new US export control licensing requirements.

Economic relief for hemp farmers in new round of funding in response to COVID-19

5 May 2020

The new stimulus package is a more apparent green light for hemp businesses to obtain financial aid.

Main Street Lending Program: Federal Reserve expands scope and eligibility for small and mid-size business loans

5 May 2020

The revised Main Street Lending Program will allow larger companies and businesses with more pre-existing debt access to loans.

What compliance programs can do now to prepare for operations in the new COVID-19 reality

5 May 2020

Anticipating changes in the ABAC and compliance landscape to prepare for the lifting of social distancing mandates that have required non-essential businesses to close.

CFIUS filing fees effective as of May 1, 2020: What you need to know

5 May 2020

The filing fees go into effect and must be paid for transactions filed on or after May 1, 2020.

Israel Group News May 2020

4 May 2020

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Providing access to valuable business resources in real time.

Pandemic Response Accountability Committee – Update

1 May 2020

The PRAC, in conjunction with various agency inspectors general, has emerged at the forefront of nascent oversight efforts for relief funds.

Food and beverage COVID-19 regulatory updates

1 May 2020

Ongoing commentary and guidance from US regulators.

HHS clarifies PREP Act immunity for COVID-19-related activities

28 April 2020

These immunity provisions may provide significant protection to manufacturers, distributors, and others engaged in COVID-19-related efforts.

Connected care funding for healthcare providers from the CARES Act

24 April 2020

New funding to promote and support telehealth.

What COVID-19 could mean for the future of the Big Tech investigations

24 April 2020

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Rather than hampering the investigations over the long term, the pandemic may open new lines of inquiry for antitrust investigators.

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Amendments to English COVID-19 emergency regulations

23 April 2020

On 22 April 2020 the UK government amended its emergency coronavirus COVID-19 legislation to provide clarity on the scope of the lockdown measures still in force in England.

Congress approves more funding for small businesses

23 April 2020

This package includes billions of dollars in new funding.

Coronavirus: State Attorneys General take action against alleged price gouging in personal protection equipment sales

21 April 2020

State Attorneys General coast to coast are taking aggressive action.

COVID-19 Phase 4 federal legislation – UPDATE

21 April 2020

Time is of the essence and the plan is to have a draft Phase 4 COVID-19 relief bill ready by the end of April.

US antitrust enforcers on high alert for collusion in labor markets during COVID-19 pandemic

21 April 2020

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Antitrust enforcers are closely monitoring employer coordination to disadvantage workers.

CARES Act: A lifeboat for Puerto Rico

20 April 2020

The stage is set for Puerto Ricans to benefit directly from key provisions of the CARES Act.

Bank Regulatory News and Trends

20 April 2020

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Bank regulators, Treasury and Congress take emergency steps to contain damage to the economy and temporarily ease regulatory burdens on financial services industry.

Opening Up America Again Guidelines signal relaxation in elective surgery restrictions

20 April 2020

For healthcare providers as they evaluate how the Opening Up America Again Guidelines pertain to their respective practices.

Cross-border liability management strategies for Latin American issuers with New York law-governed debt securities

20 April 2020

The main types of so-called liability management transactions available to Latin American issuers seeking to reprofile or restructure their New York law-governed debt securities.

Investment adviser compliance in the COVID-19 pandemic – pay attention to valuation and strategy deviation issues

17 April 2020

Investment advisers still must comply with their obligations to maintain and implement fair pricing policies and procedures and follow their disclosed investment strategies.

Immediate COVID-19 relief to Medicare providers arrives... with conditions

16 April 2020

For eligible Medicare providers who continue to suffer economic losses stemming from the pandemic, this program is welcome, but it comes with detailed conditions.

FCC now accepting applications for CARES Act telehealth grants

16 April 2020

To ensure as many applicants as possible receive funding, the FCC noted it does not anticipate awarding more than \$1 million to any single applicant.

CMS regulatory waivers relax supervision and other requirements in an effort to address staff shortages caused by rising COVID-19 cases

16 April 2020

These changes are effective immediately.

CMS issues temporary waivers to allow hospital services to be provided in community-based locations and clarifies the applicability of EMTALA for locations outside of the hospital

16 April 2020

These waivers permit patients to be triaged to a variety of community-based locales.

US CPSC advises consumers certain recall remedies may be unavailable due to COVID-19 – four key takeaways

15 April 2020

Guidance will evolve as the pandemic develops, and CPSC-regulated firms are encouraged to consider these actions.

Paradigm Change in Germany's Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) Law

14 April 2020

Germany's FDI rules so far had a reputation of not being very strong. In the past few years, only three transactions have been prohibited. This is set to change under a new bill.

Main Street Lending Program: Federal Reserve unveils emergency lending facilities for small and mid-size businesses up to 10,000 employees

13 April 2020

The Fed announces new steps it is taking to provide loans to assist employers of various sizes, as well as to strengthen the ability of state and local governments to deliver critical services during the pandemic.

FDA COVID-19 updates for the food and beverage industry

13 April 2020

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FDA issues guidance to serve as a food safety resource during the COVID-19 pandemic, plus other late-breaking developments in the food and beverage sector.

Families First Coronavirus Response Act – Health emergency leave and exempted health care providers

10 April 2020

The temporary health emergency leave measures include a key carveout for "Health Care Providers" and "Emergency Responders."

COVID-19: A breeding ground for corruption – monitoring key risks

10 April 2020

US regulators are reminding US businesses that a crisis situation does not excuse a failure to address increased risks of bribery and corruption.

European Commission relaxes State aid rules to counter economic impact of COVID-19 outbreak

10 April 2020

On 19 March 2020, the EU's Competition Commissioner Margrethe Vestager presented the Commission's "Temporary Framework for State aid measures" (the Framework") to help businesses get access to the liquidity and financial support they require to survive the economic crisis caused by the COVID-19 outbreak. Emphasizing the need for a close European coordination of national aid measures, the Framework outlines various ways in which EU governments may support business with a focus on ensuring liquidity, which are outlined below.

COVID-19: The EU Temporary State Aid Framework - Focus on Greece

10 April 2020

Since the COVID-19 outbreak affected Greece, the Greek Government has announced a number of measures to support businesses and employees in need. Kindly read in this insight the legal bases for state aid measures during the COVID-19 crisis and the measures announced so far by the Greek Government.

Coronavirus: Overview of healthcare funding stimulus and policy provisions in the CARES Act (United States)

10 April 2020

Among numerous health policy provisions in the CARES Act is one allowing BARDA to partner with private sector companies on R&D.

US \$2T stimulus COVID-19 package includes significant R&D funding

10 April 2020

A summary of R&D funding in the CARES Act broken out by federal departments and agencies.

\$name

08 Apr 2020

Family First Coronavirus Response Act: US Department of Labor regulations provide additional guidance for employers

9 April 2020

Key developments.

The Hospitality & Leisure sector's response to COVID-19 in Europe

8 April 2020

COVID-19 has without doubt had the biggest impact on the hospitality and leisure sector in recent living memory. Our global hospitality team has been talking a lot over the last few weeks and we have all become inherently aware of the profound effect of the quarantines, lock-downs, social distancing and travel restrictions that have been applied across the globe. Whilst China appears to have ridden the worst of the initial wave, the Western world is now in the middle of the furnace and the hospitality industry has probably been burnt the most. With the Christian holiday of Easter just around the corner, it is usually a time of activity and positivity in the sector, this Easter will be different.

European Commission proposes one-year postponement of MDR application date

8 April 2020

Following an informal heads-up on 25 March 2020, today the European Commission adopted a proposed regulation to postpone by one year the date of application of the Medical Devices Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2017/745, "MDR"). If enacted, the Medical Device Directive (Directive 93/42/EEC) and implementing legislation of the EU member states will continue to apply as far as they have not yet been amended.

Cost-cutting considerations in the time of COVID-19 (Part 3 – employment issues outside the US)

7 April 2020

A deeper dive into various cost-saving measures and their viability for employers outside the US.

HHS issues notification of enforcement discretion under HIPAA for certain uses and disclosures by business associates

7 April 2020

This announcement permits business associates to share personal health information with public health authorities and agencies in accordance with HIPAA exceptions as part of COVID-19 relief efforts.

COVID-19 and the "essential business" designation: Practical guidance for businesses that fall in the gray area between "essential" and "non-essential"

6 April 2020

Certain frequently asked questions as well as practical guidance.

Coronavirus: The Defense Production Act's authorities and limitations in the fight against COVID-19

6 April 2020

The DPA has significant implications for companies receiving a direct order from the President and for the subcontractors and suppliers behind them; meanwhile, recent legislation has created procurement opportunities under the DPA.

Puerto Rico: Governor extends lockdown and curfew; key deadlines and governmental measures in response to COVID-19

6 April 2020

A summary of restrictions placed in light of COVID-19.

A balance between the government, the private sector and the needs of the people: Invocation of rarely used provisions to ensure public safety during the COVID-19 pandemic

6 April 2020

The Defense Production Act, compulsory licensing and march-in rights are means for authorizing the government to step in and assert rights against private companies.

Coronavirus: Supplier due diligence for vetting Chinese medical suppliers for quality, safety, fair pricing and anti-corruption compliance

6 April 2020

Some key risks, and potential solutions to reduce cross-border operational risks.

COVID-19 emergency declaration allows Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to issue 1135 waivers, 1915(c) waivers and changes to survey and audit processes

6 April 2020

Issued in a public health emergency, the waivers help ensure healthcare items and services are available for individuals enrolled in Social Security Act programs.

CARES Act may offer relief for medical practices, but raises questions for private equity-backed practice management companies

3 April 2020

Medical practices and practice management companies are urged to consider options under the CARES Act.

COVID-19: Financial relief programs for hemp and hemp-related businesses

3 April 2020

What the relief bill may mean for the cannabis industry.

Funding opportunities and changed requirements for education institutions in the CARES act

3 April 2020

A number of provisions in the CARES Act are designed to relax requirements for education institutions, students and faculty.

Public legislative processes and public meetings during the time of COVID-19

3 April 2020

While modifications to open meetings laws may allow many public meetings to take place remotely, municipalities and petitioners must also take steps to ensure the legal sufficiency of public participation in remote public hearings.

Hospitality industry update: President signs into law massive COVID-19 relief and economic stimulus package

3 April 2020

Phase 3 in the ongoing federal government efforts to respond to the health and economic implications of the COVID-19 pandemic.

CARES Act waivers from CMS provide additional flexibility for telehealth services and relief from certain Stark Law liabilities (United States)

3 April 2020

This latest relief further expands healthcare practitioners' ability to reach patients through telehealth, an important tool for addressing patient needs while reducing in-person contact.

COVID-19 and the impact on asset-based lenders and their customers

31 March 2020

The outbreak of coronavirus COVID-19 represents one of the most significant global public health crises in recent memory and is causing major disruption and unprecedented volatility in markets, economies and businesses.

COVID-19 essential businesses: Anti-bribery and anti-corruption risks

31 March 2020

Given the significant impact of being deemed non-essential, businesses and employees are incentivized to ensure their business is deemed essential by local authorities – and this can pose anti-bribery anti-corruption (ABAC) risks to companies.

COVID-19 - financial services measures in Ireland

31 March 2020

On 12 March, an Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar TD, announced the closure of schools, childcare facilities, colleges, and State-run cultural institutions, and recommended the cancellation of mass gatherings until 29 March.

Importing critical healthcare supplies during the COVID-19 pandemic: Recent US developments

31 March 2020

Practical guidance is critical to help importers of medical products efficiently navigate legal and regulatory hurdles so that admissible products with the potential to safeguard patients' health and well-being may be granted entry into US markets as expeditiously as possible.

Coronavirus: Warning from SEC on insider trading highlights importance of disclosure controls during the COVID-19 pandemic

31 March 2020

A statement on March 23 warned that the SEC would be on heightened alert for signs of insider trading and other misconduct that might harm investors.

Coronavirus COVID-19 impact on derivative agreements: To margin call or not to margin call (UK)?

30 March 2020

Coronavirus COVID-19 is having a serious financial impact across a whole range of sectors and industries. In recent weeks, the extreme volatility in the financial markets has had a particularly significant impact on the derivatives markets.

US Antitrust enforcers issue joint statement on competitor collaboration amid COVID-19 pandemic

27 March 2020

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The US Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission issued a Joint Antitrust Statement Regarding COVID-19, in which they announced an expedited procedure for evaluating proposed collaborations among competitors and other businesses working to address the pandemic.

COVID-19: Getting your cross-border deal done and documents notarized and legalized in the age of coronavirus (United States)

27 March 2020

A summary of recent changes to the notarization, apostille and legalization by embassy processes in the United States.

Bank Regulatory News and Trends

26 March 2020

[BANK REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

The Federal Reserve takes extraordinary steps to address the economic risks arising from COVID-19, among them unprecedented

emergency measures to support the economy and expanding credit flow to municipal debt markets. This issue also reports on urgent actions being taken by an array of other federal and state financial services regulators.

Coronavirus: Congressional leaders and the Trump Administration reach agreement on massive COVID-19 relief and economic stimulus package

26 March 2020

Senate Republican and Democratic leaders and the Trump Administration announced on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 that they have reached a deal on The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.

Coronavirus Act 2020 enacted in UK

26 March 2020

On Wednesday 25 March 2020, the UK's COVID-19 emergency legislation – the Coronavirus Act 2020 – received Royal Assent. This article provides a summary of the Act in its final form.

Coronavirus: Competition and regulatory measures in Ireland

25 March 2020

ANTITRUST AND COMPETITION: NOVEL ISSUES IN A POST-CORONAVIRUS WORLD

An unprecedented challenge calls for unprecedented measures. The competition and regulatory world has reacted rapidly to the challenge of COVID-19 with bold legal solutions. We discuss how EU and Irish regulators are responding with support for business, exploring the relaxation of competition laws and adopting temporary measures for merger review.

SBA to provide disaster assistance loans for small businesses impacted by coronavirus (COVID-19) (United States)

24 March 2020

The Small Business Administration has authorized Economic Injury Disaster Loans of up to \$2 million in assistance to help small businesses and other organizations that have been financially impacted as a direct result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) since January 31, 2020.

Potential paths forward amidst the challenges to COVID-19 therapeutic and vaccine development; collaboration and communication among clinical trial stakeholders takes on heightened importance (United States)

20 March 2020

In a March 19, 2020, briefing and press release, the US Food and Drug Administration outlined ways that existing regulatory options may make it possible to expedite access to therapeutics and vaccines with the potential to treat or prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Coronavirus: executive summary – key highlights from Washington (March 20, 2020) (United States)

20 March 2020

As the White House, Congress and federal government agencies scramble to address the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) crisis, DLA Piper's Federal Law and Policy team is providing regular updates on the latest developments from the nation's capital.

COVID-19 and food – FDA position (United States)

19 March 2020

For help considering potential impacts of FDA touchpoints.

Coronavirus: business resilience and continuity planning (United States)

19 March 2020

Prudent companies understand that their response to the COVID-19 pandemic should be consistent with their business resilience plans.

Coronavirus: executive summary - key highlights from Washington (March 19, 2020) (United States)

19 March 2020

Key highlights for March 19, 2020.

Coronavirus: emergency response legislation passed by the Senate; additional stimulus and tax relief expected soon (United States)

18 March 2020

The US Senate is expected to pass, on March 18, comprehensive legislation to help families and businesses impacted by the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

US employee benefits and the coronavirus

17 March 2020

Some of the many benefit plan issues that employers are facing.

Coronavirus: federal and state tax relief (United States)

16 March 2020

Congress and state legislatures and administrative agencies are working hard to provide necessary tax relief for those affected by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

Coronavirus (COVID-19): ten practical steps for global employers, right now (Global)

13 March 2020

These steps are not based on laws of any one jurisdiction but rather are designed to provide a global employer with themes to consider, understanding that what may be suitable for each employer may vary greatly depending on the employer's unique circumstances.

Europe initiates regulations on artificial intelligence; industry presented with opportunity to provide inputs

5 March 2020

[AI OUTLOOK](#)

The White Paper on AI initiates a process that could potentially establish the world's first far-reaching regulatory framework for AI.

Court of International Trade blocks expanded Section 232 tariffs on certain US imports, prompting others to take legal action

4 March 2020

The first injunction in an appeal filed by a US importer challenges the expansion of the tariffs on constitutional and procedural grounds.

CFIUS's new role in real estate transactions

20 February 2020

An outline of CFIUS's new authority to review foreign investment in US real estate and its impact on real estate investors who have not previously dealt with CFIUS risk.

Huawei Temporary General License extended for third time

14 February 2020

The extension applies to Huawei and the 114 other non-US Huawei affiliates on the Entity List.

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10 February 2020

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Long-awaited changes to export controls for firearms and ammunition have arrived

6 February 2020

This new regulatory scheme will create a transition burden on industry, but it will result in more flexible regulatory obligations overall.

Foreign ITAR cloud storage now permitted

4 February 2020

This may provide ITAR-registered companies some flexibility with the virtual storage and transmission of their technical data, but using non-US based cloud storage is still not without risk.

EU Policy & Regulatory Alert

3 February 2020

On 29 January 2020, the new European Commission has adopted its 2020 annual Work Programme, announcing 43 new concrete policy and legislative measures to be introduced over the course of the year of 2020, and thereby translating into practice the Political Guidelines of new European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen.

The President announces expansion of Section 232 tariffs expected to affect millions of dollars in US imports

30 January 2020

The Proclamation authorizes the Department of Commerce to establish a process for requesting exclusions for affected parties located inside the US.

First EU international agreement linking greenhouse emissions trading systems

24 January 2020

This publication offers you the latest insights and conclusions on the first international agreement linking greenhouse gas emissions trading systems.

Iran nuclear deal: the launch of the 'Dispute Resolution Mechanism' and the 'potential snapback' of UN and EU sanctions

17 January 2020

This week, France, Germany and Britain have triggered the Dispute Resolution Mechanism against Iran under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). Will this process lead to the re-imposition of UN and EU sanctions on Iran?

New regulations reinforce CFIUS's expanded role with respect to foreign investments in the United States

16 January 2020

The new CFIUS regulations become effective on February 13, 2020.

The almost free US-Japan Trade Agreement is now in effect

9 January 2020

This trade agreement reduces or eliminates US customs duties on numerous goods.

Commerce imposes export licensing requirement on geospatial imagery software

8 January 2020

Companies that produce, design, test, manufacture, fabricate, or develop a software described in the new controls may now be operating within the category of "critical technologies" as defined in CFIUS regulations.

EU launches preparatory work for a global sanctions regime for human rights violations

17 December 2019

On 9 December 2019, High Representative/Vice-President of the European Union Josep Borrell announced that the Foreign Affairs

Council has agreed with strong consensus to start the preparatory work for a global sanctions regime to address serious human rights violations.

Congressional hearing to focus on facial recognition and national security

12 December 2019

AI OUTLOOK

Technologies controlled by foreign governments and their implications for privacy and national security are expected to be a major topic.

Preventive Medicine: Official “Antimonopoly Compliance Guidelines for Business Operators” in China

10 December 2019

On 28 November 2019, the State Administration of Market Regulation (SAMR) released for public comment draft “Anti-Monopoly Compliance Guidelines for Operators” (the “Draft Guidelines”). These non-binding guidelines recommend measures for “business operators” subject to the Antimonopoly Law (AML) to develop and implement antitrust compliance programmes. The Draft Guidelines integrate prevailing best practices for international compliance programmes, while reflecting the unique challenges of antitrust risk management in China.

New European Commission Assumed Office on 1 December 2019

2 December 2019

The new leadership of the European Commission has officially assumed office yesterday, Sunday, 1 December 2019, for a five-year term. The newly assembled College of Commissioners obtained a comfortable majority in an approval vote in the European Parliament plenary session on Wednesday, 27 November 2019.

Israel Group News November 2019

18 November 2019

In this issue, IP considerations in augmented reality and virtual reality, plus our global activities, latest publications, coming events and more.

Antitrust Matters - November 2019

18 November 2019

ANTITRUST MATTERS

We're pleased to share with you a new Edition of our periodical global publication Antitrust Matters

Hikvision and other Chinese companies added to the Entity List

10 October 2019

The list includes Chinese companies in the video surveillance, artificial intelligence, voice recognition, deep learning and other technology fields.

Beginning October 11, 2019: opportunity to obtain temporary reduction or suspension of US import duties

7 October 2019

Miscellaneous Tariff Bill petitions can be submitted to the ITC until 5:15 pm EST on December 10, 2019.

US Trade Representative imposes additional tariffs on EU goods following WTO decision in Airbus subsidies dispute

7 October 2019

This decision marks the resolution of a 15-year WTO dispute over US claims of illegal subsidies to support Airbus production.

Treasury Department proposes regulations comprehensively implementing FIRRMA and reforming CFIUS national security review

19 September 2019

The proposed regulations affect non-controlling investments involving critical technologies, critical infrastructure, and sensitive personal data; and transactions involving real estate near sensitive national security facilities.

No-deal Brexit: Impact on dispute resolution

1 September 2019

While a range of outcomes, including a departure under the terms of the current Withdrawal Agreement, remains possible, it is important for businesses to plan for a no-deal Brexit, in which the UK leaves the EU without a withdrawal agreement or other deal. Here we look at the potential impact of a no-deal Brexit on dispute resolution.

No-deal Brexit: Impact on supply chains and international trade

1 September 2019

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UK Court refuses to sanction transfer of annuity portfolio - Re Prudential Assurance Company

23 August 2019

On 16 August 2019, the UK High Court declined to sanction the transfer of a portfolio of annuity policies from Prudential Company Assurance Ltd (Prudential) to Rothesay Life PLC (Rothesay) under Part VII of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.

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.

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7 August 2019

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EU Impact - Issue 6

1 August 2019

While you are looking forward to departing on your well-deserved summer holidays (or are reading our newsletter while at your holiday destination already), the EU institutions have likewise reduced their activities to a minimum as from last week until the end of August.

Issue 2: Follow Your Contract

26 July 2019

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AND OUTSOURCING CONTRACTS

This is the second of a series of fortnightly issues in which we will give practical tips on how to avoid contractual issues arising out of digital transformation and outsourcing contracts.

Updated FATF standards include interpretative note on virtual assets

16 July 2019

The FATF updates its anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing standards.

EU Policy & Regulatory Update: EU prolongs sectoral sanctions on Russia

4 July 2019

On 27 June 2019, the Council of the European Union (EU) adopted Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/1108, extending the economic sanctions on Russia in response to Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine until 31 January 2020.

EU Impact - Issue 5/2019

2 July 2019

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.

Engaging with UK Parliamentary Select Committees

21 June 2019

Giving evidence to a Parliamentary Select Committee can be a daunting experience. Select Committee hearings are high-profile

events which can attract significant media attention. Evidence sessions expose witnesses to cross-examination by MPs or Peers, which at times can be hostile.

Deadlines approaching fast for fourth set of Section 301 tariffs

4 JUN 2019

Companies have the opportunity to present their views on specific products before the list is finalized but there is less than one month before the window closes.

New EU Regulation safeguarding fair competition - Milestone for EU air carriers

22 MAY 2019

On 10 May 2019, the EU regulation on safeguarding fair competition in international air transport was published in the Official Journal of the EU (Regulation (EU) 2019/712 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019). The Regulation aims at ensuring fair competition between EU and non-EU air carriers.

Commerce issues Temporary General License for Huawei

22 MAY 2019

The Temporary General License is a brief reprieve.

Antitrust Matters - May 2019

13 MAY 2019

[ANTITRUST MATTERS](#)

We are pleased to share with you a New Edition of our periodical global publication Antitrust Matters.

EU Impact - Issue 4/2019

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.

Israel Group News May 2019

9 MAY 2019

[ISRAEL GROUP NEWS](#)

In this issue, our global activities, latest publications, coming events and more.

Preparing for new customs procedures post-Brexit: Focus on UK and EU EORI numbers

8 MAY 2019

As companies prepare for a range of potential Brexit outcomes, including a no-deal scenario, among the key considerations for businesses engaged in international trade will be the potential introduction of additional customs procedures for UK-EU trade following the UK's departure from the EU customs union.

Engaging with the UK's post-Brexit trade negotiations

26 APR 2019

As the UK Government continues to consider the UK's post-Brexit bilateral trade and investment relationships, it has been clear of its need to fully understand business and civil society's offensive and defensive interests. An increased focus on stakeholder engagement is now crucial to developing informed and representative negotiating positions with third countries.

The Vedanta decision and EU law: a post-Brexit outlook on parent company liability

25 APR 2019

On 10 April 2019, the UK Supreme Court handed down judgment in the case of *Vedanta Resources PLC and another v Lungowe and others* [2019] UKSC 20 (Vedanta).

EU Policy & Regulatory Alert - EU Publishes Artificial Intelligence Ethics Guidelines

12 APR 2019

On 8 April 2019, the EU's High-Level Expert Group ("AI HLEG") on Artificial Intelligence ("AI") published the much-anticipated "Ethics Guidelines for Trustworthy AI", setting out a horizontal framework for the development and deployment of ethical and robust AI systems across the EU

ITC Section 337 Update

11 APR 2019

A quick look at the last 10 years.

Policy & Regulatory Update: Liability of U.S. parent companies in case of foreign subsidiaries' sanctions violations

11 APR 2019

On 14 March 2019, the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") concluded a settlement agreement with Stanley Black & Decker, Inc. ("Stanley Black & Decker")

EU Impact - Issue 3/2019

29 MAR 2019

Monthly update on the latest EU policy and regulatory developments relevant for your sector

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).

EU Policy & Regulatory Update: EU Adds 8 Russian Officials on Sanctions List in response to Kerch Strait and the Sea of Azov Incident

19 MAR 2019

On 14 March 2019, the Council of the European Union adopted Council Implementing Regulation 2019/409 and Council Decision (CFSP) 2014/145 adding eight Russian officials to the list targeting those "undermining the territorial integrity, sovereignty or independence of Ukraine".

No-deal Brexit: UK Government publishes temporary trade tariff

14 MAR 2019

This week the UK Parliament voted against leaving the EU without a Withdrawal Agreement and a Framework for the Future Relationship on 29 March 2019 - i.e. a no-deal Brexit.

EU Impact - Issue 2/2019

4 MAR 2019

Monthly update on the latest EU policy and regulatory developments relevant for your sector

DLA Piper in Latin America: 2018 in review

28 FEB 2019

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

EU Policy and Regulatory Alert: Foreign Direct Investment Screening: European Parliament Supports First Ever EU-Wide Cooperation Mechanism

19 FEB 2019

On Thursday, 14 February 2019, the European Parliament's plenary overwhelmingly voted in favour of legislation putting in place the first ever EU-wide mechanism to improve coordination and information exchange on the screening of inward foreign direct investments (FDI) in the fields of EU strategic interest.

Unpacking INSTEX - the new mechanism to facilitate trade with Iran

15 FEB 2019

On 31 January 2019, the Foreign Ministers of France, Germany and the UK announced the establishment of the Instrument in Support of Trade Exchanges (INSTEX), a new Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) designed to facilitate legitimate trade by European businesses with Iran.

Israel Group News

12 FEB 2019

ISRAEL GROUP NEWS

In this issue, the rise of the Data Protection Officer, plus news and coming events.

EU Impact - Issue 1/2019

1 FEB 2019

Monthly update on the latest EU policy and regulatory developments relevant for your sector

US and Australian regulators enter into FinTech cooperation agreement

24 JAN 2019

At the heart of the agreement is a desire to enhance mutual understanding about FinTech regulatory issues, identify market developments, promote innovation and encourage use of technology in market oversight.

EU Policy & Regulatory Update: First Designations under EU's Chemical Weapons Sanctions Regime

24 JAN 2019

On 21 January 2019, the Council of the European Union (EU) adopted Decision (CFSP) 2019/86 amending Decision (CFSP) 2018/1544 concerning restrictive measures against the proliferation and use of chemical weapons, listing nine individuals and one entity under the EU's Chemical Weapons Sanctions regime.

EU Impact: Monthly update on the latest EU policy and regulatory developments relevant for your sector

21 DEC 2018

Edition 12 of our monthly update on the latest EU policy and regulatory developments

EU Impact: Monthly update on the latest EU policy and regulatory developments, issue 11

5 DEC 2018

Edition 11 of our monthly update on the latest EU policy and regulatory developments

Martial law is introduced in Ukraine starting from 26 November 2018

28 NOV 2018

On 26 November 2018, the Parliament of Ukraine imposed temporary martial law in some regions of Ukraine approving respective

Decree of the President of Ukraine. The martial law is introduced in response to escalation of Russian aggression in the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov. The Law will come into force only after it is officially published.

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

22 NOV 2018

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.

Boardroom Brexit - the Withdrawal Agreement

21 NOV 2018

[BOARDROOM BREXIT](#)

In this edition we summarise the key takeaways you need to understand. In the next edition, we look at the framework for the future relationship, which is being negotiated in Brussels this week.

Newsletter on Brexit

12 NOV 2018

[NEWS FROM INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INVESTMENT](#)

What does the UK's departure from the European Union mean for Denmark and Danish companies? Find out more in DLA Piper Denmark's newsletter on Brexit. In this edition, we take a closer look at the possible effects on competition law and the protection of intellectual property rights.

The 116th Congress: prospects for tax policy as House shifts to Democrats

8 NOV 2018

Key issues arising from the overall shift of the House from Republican to Democratic control.

EU Impact - Issue 10

31 OCT 2018

Edition 10 of our monthly update on latest EU Policy and regulatory developments.

Israel Group News

24 OCT 2018

[ISRAEL GROUP NEWS](#)

In this issue, legal developments worldwide that affect this dynamic ecosystem.

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.

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.

EU Impact: Monthly update on the latest EU policy and regulatory developments, Issue 9

2 OCT 2018

Edition 9 of our monthly update on the latest EU policy and regulatory developments.

Cross border trade: Contingency planning for a "no deal" Brexit

14 SEP 2018

The UK government has published a collection of technical guidance notices to assist companies trading in or with the EU to prepare for a "no deal" Brexit scenario, whereby the UK leaves the EU on 29 March 2019 without an agreement in place to govern the future UK/EU relationship.

State of the Union - Takeaways for International Business

14 SEP 2018

In his final State of the Union address on 12 September 2018, European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker took stock of the work delivered during his Presidency, and provided an outlook on the challenges and initiatives ahead.

Insurance Regulation at a Crossroads: Lessons Learned from the Last Ten Years

5 SEP 2018

Insurance regulators are at an important juncture and have the chance to chart their course for the near to mid-term.

EU Impact - Issue 8

31 AUG 2018

Edition 8 of our monthly update on latest EU Policy and regulatory developments.

6 trends will shape future international commercial disputes

28 AUG 2018

The world of international litigation and arbitration tends to move slowly, but the pace of change may accelerate as these trends take hold.

EU Impact - Issue 7

31 JUL 2018

Edition 7 of our monthly update on the latest EU Policy and Regulatory developments.

Israel Group News

26 JUL 2018

ISRAEL GROUP NEWS

Helping to create opportunities for Israeli companies by leveraging our global relationships.

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.

Antitrust Matters - July 2018

24 JUL 2018

ANTITRUST MATTERS

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The tide turns: If your company is doing business in the US, it may soon be required to collect state sales taxes

24 JUL 2018

Companies selling online products and services to customers in US states may soon be required to register, collect and remit taxes in those states.

Is tax reform legislative and regulatory "fine tuning" on the way?

5 JUL 2018

Signs of growing Congressional interest in possible legislative and regulatory changes to tax reform.

EU Impact - Issue 6

4 JUL 2018

Edition 6 of our monthly update on the latest EU Policy and Regulatory developments.

Anti-money laundering bulletin - Summer 2018

3 JUL 2018

DLA Piper's Financial Services International Regulatory team welcomes you to the thirty four edition of "Exchange – International" – our international newsletter designed to keep you informed of regulatory developments in the financial services sector.

Nori Holdings Ltd v PJSC BOFC: The status of West Tankers now and in a Post Brexit world

26 JUN 2018

In a recent High Court decision Males J has held that there is nothing in the Recast Brussels Regulation to cast doubt on the continuing validity of the ECJ (now CJEU) decision in *Allianz Sp v West Tankers Inc.*

EU Prolongs Sectoral Sanctions targeting Crimea and Sevastopol

22 JUN 2018

On 18 June 2018, the Council of the European Union (EU) adopted Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/880, extending the restrictive measures introduced by the EU in response to the annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol by the Russian Federation in 2014. The restrictive measures targeting Crimea and Sevastopol will remain in place until at least 23 June 2019.

EU Impact - Issue 5

5 JUN 2018

Edition 5 of our monthly update on the latest EU policy and regulatory developments.

US companies: EU data regulation means new oversight

2 DEC 2015

Many US companies are about to experience new regulatory oversight.

Japan exempts virtual currencies from consumption tax

31 MAR 2017

Comparable treatment can be found in Europe, where EU member states exempt virtual currencies from taxation as a result of a CJEU ruling.

European Commission tackles financing risks linked to virtual currencies

13 SEP 2016

The proposal seeks to bring greater transparency to the virtual currency market in the European Union by imposing customer due diligence requirements on certain market participants, now considered "obligated entities."

US and EU reach an important agreement on CCP global equivalence: how will it affect you?

10 MAY 2016

This historic agreement allows market participants to use clearing infrastructures in both the US and Europe and assures a level playing field for US and EU CCPs.

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

9 DEC 2015

HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS SERIES

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.

Distributing patent rights between affiliates: guidelines to support enforcement rights around the world

16 NOV 2015

Considering a few issues at the outset when rights are distributed between Parent and Affiliate (or between multiple affiliates) may avoid difficulties in the future when a company wants to enforce patent rights.

US courts affirm expansive discovery under 28 U.S.C. § 1782

29 SEP 2015

There is increasingly clear consensus among US courts giving § 1782 expansive reach.

Mexico's new National Anticorruption System: 7 key points

20 JUL 2015

Constitutional reform regarding the creation of the National Anticorruption System

International tax and withholding considerations for US companies and their directors

19 MAY 2015

Multinationals commonly elect boards with international representation; it is also common to convene board meetings outside the US. US companies that do either – or both – of these things must be mindful of any resulting US or foreign tax implications

A new test for Mexico's structural changes: antitrust reform – key points in one chart

16 JUN 2014

This entirely new framework should be carefully analyzed by investors in structuring their Mexico-related M&A transactions and managing their existing operations

The Cybersecurity Framework: Administration, Congress move to incentivize private-sector cooperation, strengthen federal acquisition process

12 SEP 2013

Congress, Administration move forward to secure critical US infrastructure

11 JUL 2013

US commits \$7B to ambitious Power Africa initiative

2 JUL 2013

A new initiative aiming to double access to power in sub-Saharan Africa

Information security obligations for Australian businesses under the Privacy Act: A reminder from the OAIC

14 MAY 2013

At the launch of this year's Privacy Awareness Week on 29 April 2013, the OAIC released its new Guide to Information Security: 'Reasonable steps to protect personal information' ("**Guide**"). The Guide aims to assist Australian businesses and those carrying on business in Australia to interpret the continuing requirement under the Privacy Act (both under the current and the amended law) to "take reasonable steps" to protect the personal information they hold.

Preparing for EMIR and Dodd-Frank: Our capabilities

8 MAY 2013

The European Market Infrastructure Regulation (EMIR) has been in force since 16 August 2012, however, in the first few weeks of 2013, the detailed technical rules implementing the regulation were finalised and came into force on 15 March 2013.

Cybersecurity and US federal public procurements: what contractors need to know

11 MAR 2013

Practical considerations for US federal contractors

EU releases cybersecurity strategy

15 FEB 2013

What companies need to know about the Obama Administration's Cybersecurity Order

14 FEB 2013

Food safety from farm to fork: FDA publishes proposed rules aiming to ensure the safety and security of the food supply

24 JAN 2013

The proposed rules lay the foundation of the prevention-based, modern food safety system envisioned in the FSMA and have

wide-ranging effects on many industries, including every link in the global food supply chain.

Law à la Mode

20 SEP 2012

[LAW À LA MODE](#)

This issue of Law à la Mode is brought to you by our German editorial team, in the midst of a month in which fashion capitals around the globe are enjoying Fashion Week S/S 2013.

UK: The real risk of cyber attack

1 AUG 2011

Events

Previous

Post-COVID-19: What next for trade, financing and investment in Latin America

19 May 2020 | 15:00 - 16:00 UTC

Webinar

Update on the Paycheck Protection Program: A webinar

13 May 2020 | 12:30 - 1:30 ET

Webinar

Looking forward: COVID-19 and its implications for global economies and international cooperation

11 May 2020 | 12:00 - 1:00 ET

Webinar

CARES Act: A practical guide for the real estate industry

3 April 2020

Webinar

Federal stimulus package update, part II – practical tips and strategies for accessing capital and maximizing opportunities in the CARES Act: webinar

2 April 2020 | 12:00 - 1:00 EST

Webinar

Navigating the CARES Act for nonprofit organizations: webinar

1 April 2020 | 3:00 – 4:00 EST
Webinar

Federal Stimulus Update: Details on the Rescue Plan and Opportunities for Small Business to Keep Employees Employed and Paid

26 March 2020 | 3:00 - 4:00 EST
Webinar

Settling an enforcement action

June 2019
Webinar

Canada & Israel: Weeding Out the New Regulatory, Legal and Public Market Landscapes

16 OCT 2018

NEWS

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2020

30 April 2020

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 67 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2020 in the United States and May 1, 2020 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions have been made across many of the firm's practice areas in 35 different offices throughout 13 countries.

Across the firm's practices globally, Corporate saw the largest intake of new partners with 19 promotions, followed by Litigation and Regulatory with 15. Intellectual Property and Technology and Finance and Projects had ten and eight promotions respectively, while there were six in Real Estate. Tax and Employment both had four, and there was one in Restructuring.

DLA Piper lawyers named Acritas Stars

10 March 2020

Acritas has named over 200 DLA Piper lawyers as 2020 Acritas Stars. Now in its fourth year, Acritas Stars highlights the stand-out lawyers in private practice as nominated by clients around the world. More than 3,000 senior in-house counsel feed into the nomination process to give a comprehensive view of highly recommended lawyers across the globe.

Frank Ryan discusses the trade war with Yahoo Finance

9 Sep 2019

Highlight: “Where we are right now is in a political phase in this debate, and... we need to get to a practical phase,” says @DLA_Piper’s Frank Ryan on the trade war. “The sooner we get stability for major multinationals in China regarding IP protection, the better off we’ll be.” pic.twitter.com/u0y kzF8m89

— Yahoo Finance (@YahooFinance) September 9, 2019

DLA Piper strengthens Intellectual Property and Technology offering in Russia

18 APR 2019

DLA Piper today announces that Julianna Tabastajewa will be joining the firm as a counsel in its Intellectual Property and Technology practice based in Moscow. Her practice focuses on IP protection and litigation in the area of pharmaceutical, competition and, media law, as well as franchising.

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DLA Piper hosts leading business and diplomacy conference

14 MAR 2019

DLA Piper's London office has hosted the Annual Conference of the International Diplomatic and Business Exchange (IBDE).

DLA Piper's GTGA team named Sanctions Law Firm of the year 2018

27 JUL 2018

DLA Piper's Global Trade and Government Affairs (GTGA) team has been named Sanctions Law Firm of the year, Europe, at this year's WorldECR Awards.

In Germany

Our experts in the field of international trade specialize in comprehensive advisory services in a variety of industries and sectors, relating to national and international contract, commercial and distribution law. We use our expertise to support clients in designing and legally structuring distribution systems and in developing, negotiating and performing commercial contracts in a national and international context.

We support our clients throughout the entire supply chain, from sourcing and manufacturing to distribution. Examples of this include advising on complex framework and supply agreements, distribution systems and their (re)structuring, logistics, leasing, cooperation, outsourcing agreements, and standard agreements and terms. We are also often involved in advising on operating agreements in connection with corporate transactions. Precisely because there are so many points of contact between this area and other fields of law, our clients benefit from our extensive experience and the seamless and proven cooperation with specialists from

other fields and jurisdictions. Our strong sector-specific knowledge means that we are familiar with the essential legal and commercial challenges and risks, and we know the most suitable solutions – whether complex transactions or day-to-day issues are involved. Our clients value not only our legal expertise but also our colleagues' business-oriented way of thinking.

Regulation of business life is placing ever-greater demands on public sector contracting authorities and companies. We can support our clients in meeting these challenges of public business law. Identifying potential risks and solutions for managing them at an early stage is every bit a part of our advisory services as is the gauging of business opportunities in the regulated environment.

DLA Piper's public business law/regulation area comprises a network of more than 380 lawyers worldwide. By constantly monitoring regulatory developments, we can consistently provide our clients with up-to-date information at the earliest possible stage. In this way, we can anticipate and react to impending regulatory changes. Rapid and efficient legal advisory services in all regulated fields is extremely important to companies and business combinations. Our clients – which include private, public and listed companies, public institutions and regulators – value our regional strength and local presence as well as our global resources and experience.

Our team members possess extensive expertise in all areas regulated internationally, Europe-wide and nationally.

Our government affairs team exerts influence on decisions by parliaments and governmental authorities, especially in the context of our Global Government Relationship programme. We draw up compliance plans both on a case-by-case basis and by employing proven solutions. We assist our clients in the event of legal disputes or investigations and uphold their interests vis-à-vis national, European and international authorities, institutions and courts. Our rapid response team gives our clients immediate access to a competent contact at any time, even in emergencies.

Our team is closely integrated with our international and national experts in other fields of law. When dealing with transactions, we cooperate closely with our M&A team. There is also a continuous exchange with our IPT group in terms of both product requirements and subsidies. We also work closely with our colleagues involved in insurance law. Furthermore, there are intensive points of contact with our teams in the areas of distribution, energy and criminal law.

You can benefit from our experience when it comes to harmonizing your business objectives with legal parameters at home and abroad.

FOCUS AREAS

Our advisory services cover the following areas in particular:

- International commercial and distribution law, including CISG and Incoterms
- International distribution systems, including authorized dealers, commercial agency and franchising agreements, and distribution antitrust law
- Regulatory requirements for international distribution
- International logistical and transport agreements
- Infrastructure and transportation law (aviation, ports, railroads, ports)
- German and European environmental law
- Product safety law and product liability
- Medical devices law and pharmaceuticals law
- Subsidy law and EU state aid law
- International trade law and customs law
- Waste disposal law
- Law on remediation of contaminated sites and on waterways
- Chemicals law, especially REACH
- Technology law
- Occupational safety law
- Law on public charges and private remuneration
- Emissions trading law and protection against noxious intrusions
- Privatization, re-municipalization and nationalization
- Public construction and project approval law

- European and international law
- Constitutional and municipal economic law
- Public contract law
- Government relations, monitoring of legislation at a national, European and international level
- Representation before governmental authorities and courts at a national and EU level and before international organizations

EXPERIENCE

- Advised an eastern European airport investor on the privatization of airports in Eastern Europe and Asia (hundreds of millions of euros)
- Advised German airports on developing fee scales
- Advised a German state on the privatization of a university hospital (hundreds of millions of euros)
- Advised investors on the privatization of public utilities, supply and disposal systems, and airports, as well as in the area of health care
- Advised a strategic investor (private equity firm) on acquiring interests in a chain of clinics (hundreds of millions of euros)
- Prepared an expert opinion comparing product legislation in 21 countries for the Contergan Foundation
- Advised a chemicals group on questions of chemicals law and waste disposal law in seven EU countries
- Represented ground-handling service providers in proceedings before administrative courts and the German Federal Administrative Court
- Advised and represented a company in the waste disposal sector regarding allegedly illegal shipments of waste
- Advised a German state on EU state aid matters and on questions of cooperation with another state
- Represented the Federal Republic of Germany in a government liability case before German civil courts and the ECJ (EUR 280 million in dispute)
- Advised and represented an international food manufacturer regarding a chemical accident involving an emergency alert with regard to regulatory requirements and the creation of a new state of the art
- Advised companies in various sectors on product safety and liability law
- Advised and represented an industrial company as well as various ministries and associations before the ECJ in matters of Community law
- Advised companies from the energy, chemicals, automotive and construction materials sectors regarding health, safety and the environment
- Advised various companies, including insurance companies, on international trade law

RECOGNITION

- 2012 JUVE Awards – Firm of the Year for Compliance Investigations