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The 12th WTO Ministerial Conference outcomes

24 June 2022

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It has been almost five years since the eleventh Ministerial Conference due to delays associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Expectations were low but the stakes were high.

The WTO and Green Trade: Global solutions to solve a global problem

11 January 2022

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The WTO have announced three new environmental initiatives. The initiatives provide dedicated forums where businesses can discuss with international stakeholders and decision-makers. Allowing parties to come together to find creative legal, regulatory and public policy solutions to global environmental challenges.

Solutions to the impact of Brexit on Northern Ireland trade

29 October 2021

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The Northern Ireland Protocol (the Protocol) has been back in the headlines recently as politicians in the UK, Ireland, and EU try to ease the difficulties faced by many businesses as they move their goods between Great Britain (GB), made up of England, Wales, and Scotland; Northern Ireland (NI) and Ireland, which is an EU Member State.

Export controls: the EU's new dual-use regime

27 September 2021

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The EU has amended numerous aspects of the export control regime by implementing the Recast Dual Use Regulation which governs EU exports of dual-use items. We summarise the key changes and what you'll need to know about dual-use items.

Further postponement of post-Brexit border checks in Great Britain

16 September 2021

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On 14 September 2021, Lord David Frost, the Brexit Minister, announced an additional delay to the introduction of stage 2 and 3 of the post-Brexit Border Operating Model. This article outlines the details of that delay and what it means for businesses.

When are non-US products incorporating US products free from US jurisdiction?

25 August 2021

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This summary article provides key points to consider as well exemptions possible if your non-US manufactured products are subject to US reexport authorization requirements.

Establishment of new freeports in England

29 April 2021

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England announced the location of eight new freeports with the hope they will act as national hubs for global trade and investment across the UK; promote regeneration and job creation as part of the Government's commitment to "levelling up"; and provide hotbeds for innovation.

Postponement of post-Brexit border checks in Great Britain

23 March 2021

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The UK Government introduced a Border Operating Model for a phased introduction of full customs and regulatory checks on imports from the EU into Great Britain. It gives supply-chain managers six months more to ensure affected EU imports are ready for the new SPS checks which will be put in place from October.

EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement: Rules of Origin

8 February 2021

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In this week's article we explore some of the challenges that the Rules of Origin in the Trade and Cooperation Agreement are presenting businesses, and the potential mitigation measures available.

What happens when trade goes wrong? Understanding trade remedies and what they mean for you

7 January 2021

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Trade remedies have previously been assessed and implemented by the EU on behalf of the UK under the multilateral WTO framework. From 1 January 2021, the UK has implemented an independent trade remedies framework; the aim being to defend UK business interests from potentially injurious market distortion.

Continuity or Change? Procurement Rules after Brexit

12 November 2020

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This weeks edition of DLA Piper Trade Truths, we look at how the UK's accession to the WTO's plurilateral procurement agreement is likely to change the UK's procurement regime at the end of the Transition Period.

A "Global Britain" – the UK's changing role at the World Trade Organisation

29 October 2020

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This edition of Trade Truths looks at how Brexit will change the UK's relationship with the WTO and sheds light on the election of the new WTO Director-General, and what this means for the UK's post-Brexit future.

State aid: Levelling the playing field or moving the goalposts?

21 October 2020

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The European Commission unveiled plans on 17 June 2020 to take a tougher line on subsidised foreign companies in the EU market. Under this proposal, the Commission seeks to "safeguard critical EU companies" in strategic industries such as pharma and agri-food so that they do not fall victim to "hostile takeovers conducted by large dominant player".

Rules of Origin - what you need to know

9 October 2020

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With less than two months before the end of the Brexit Transition Period, importers and exporters of goods between the UK and both the EU, and the rest of the world, are preparing for the impact of significant changes to UK and EU trading arrangements upon their businesses and operations. Recent articles in the DLA Piper Trade Truths series have examined the realities of trading on so-called 'World Trade Organisation (WTO) terms', should there be no deal at the end of the Transition Period, including the impact on customs procedures and tariffs on goods, together with the UK's post-Brexit trading landscape.

Beyond the EU-UK Negotiations: Planning for trade with the rest of the world after Brexit

30 September 2020

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Whilst clients are rightly focused on the current status of negotiations between the UK and EU, some 12 weeks before the end of the Transition Period, it is easy to lose sight of the impact of Brexit on the UK's trading relationship with the rest of the world and the commercial consequences of this for

businesses.

Trading on WTO terms – what does it actually mean for your business?

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It is now more important than ever to prepare your business for trading on WTO terms. In the third Trade Truths article, we outline the key principles of the WTO, what trading on WTO terms means for the goods and services sectors, and how you can best prepare your business for the end of the transition period.

The Northern Ireland Protocol and the UK Internal Market Bill

15 September 2020
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The second article in the DLA Piper Trade Truths series explains why the Internal Market Bill has attracted such controversy, and what it could mean in terms of preparing your business for trade between Great Britain and Northern Ireland from next year.

DLA Piper launches Trade Truths

8 September 2020
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In our first article we discuss how trade policy is developed and implemented in the UK and EU.
