



## Regulatory and Government Affairs

DLA Piper's Regulatory and Government Affairs team provides advice at all stages of the regulatory process. Advising on regulatory law, we focus on areas such as international trade, antitrust and competition, global governance and more.

Companies that transact business around the globe must comply with a myriad of statutes and administrative rules and regulations, many of which directly affect their ability to conduct business or expand their reach. The regulatory, government affairs and public policy environment is constantly changing—affected by politics, history, legal decisions, interest groups, precedent and news events.

### What we do

Effective compliance begins with an independent and realistic assessment of the legal, compliance, and reputational risks that could threaten your business objectives.

We represent clients before national, supra-national and sub-national governments and administrative organizations on a broad array of public policy, legislative, regulatory and administrative issues:

- In the United States, we work closely with clients to advocate their views to the White House and Executive Branch departments, Congress and independent administrative agencies.
- 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.
- We also regularly advocate before international organizations, including the United Nations, regional treaty organizations and multilateral development institutions.

The group takes a cross-disciplinary approach in our engagements, because the path to success frequently is not linear, but one that requires carefully coordinated efforts in different forums.

Accordingly, our lawyers and policy professionals often work across borders and practice groups in interdisciplinary teams, ensuring the most efficient and effective results for our clients. And, as clients increasingly recognize, legislative and administrative advocacy is a skill that is quite distinct from defending an enforcement action or seeking to overturn a recently promulgated rule or regulation.

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Our government advocacy team includes skillful litigators and subject matter professionals knowledgeable on a wide variety of policy issues. We have one of the largest regulatory and government affairs groups of any global law firm, with lawyers and policy professionals throughout the world. Many of the members of this group have held senior elected, appointed and staff positions in all branches of government or gained important public policy experience from work in the corporate world.

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

#### Regulatory perspectives for hydrogen in Brazil

29 September 2022

[PANORAMA](#)

Hydrogen fuels are being seen as potentially bringing enormous environmental benefits.

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#### An end to snow-washing? Canada considers its money laundering problem

27 September 2022

Canada may have a reputation as a law-abiding and democratic nation, but it is also notorious as a place where it is easy to engage in money laundering.

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#### Anticorruption and AML in Mexico: Trends and developments

27 September 2022

A look at the status of Mexico's fight against corruption and new forms of money laundering.

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#### Argentina moves to modernize its AML legislation

27 September 2022

There is a broad consensus in Argentina that it is essential to remedy any AML deficiencies and move forward into the global economy.

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#### Colombia addresses the problem of money laundering in virtual assets and the blockchain

27 September 2022

The regulators are seeking to incentivize legitimate use of crypto-assets and lower money laundering risks.

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#### Biden Executive Order directs a broader national security focus on foreign investments

20 September 2022

This marks the first time since CFIUS was established in 1975 that a president has publicly issued such direction.

#### Resources

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## Federal agency reports on responsible development of digital assets are due this week

6 September 2022

An array of agency reports are due.

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## eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

6 September 2022

### ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS

Federal agencies' reports on responsible development of digital assets are due to the President this week.

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## Inflation Reduction Act seeks to jumpstart electric vehicle market

19 August 2022

Electric vehicle-related tax incentives in the Inflation Reduction Act and the multiple conditions that may initially limit their applicability and use.

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## Inside the Inflation Reduction Act

19 August 2022

A look at the business-critical aspects of this sweeping, extraordinary legislation and its implications for clean energy projects, electric vehicle development, corporate taxes, healthcare, and environmental policy.

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## Brazil: Transfer of a going concern – what you need to know

### CROSSROADS – ICR INSIGHTS

A transfer of a going concern (TOGC), commonly used in Brazilian asset deals and internal reorganizations such as carveouts, requires thoughtful planning. Learn what important aspects to consider with TOGCs.

By: [Alex Jorge](#) | [Rafaella Chiachio](#)

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## Canada: Choosing to incorporate your subsidiary in British Columbia

### CROSSROADS – ICR INSIGHTS

Looking to incorporate in Canada? British Columbia is consistently at the forefront of user-friendly, modern Canadian corporate law.

By: [Benjamin Bluman](#)

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## Cayman Islands: Benefitting from its flexibility and tax-neutral status

## CROSSROADS – ICR INSIGHTS

Migrating to the Cayman Islands offers benefits such as flexibility and tax neutral status. What to keep in mind?

By: [Sam Francis](#)

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**Colombia's National Mining Authority is tracking contracts on the blockchain: What can other Latin American countries learn from this experience?**

18 August 2022

[PANORAMA](#)

The Agency registers each mining concession contract as a non-fungible token, making it a unique, encrypted digital asset.

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**Hong Kong: Should you deregister or liquidate that subsidiary?**

## CROSSROADS – ICR INSIGHTS

Learn the nuances between deregistering an entity and liquidating an entity when it's time to eliminate that subsidiary in Hong Kong.

By: [Heng Loong Cheong](#) | [Tommy Lam](#)

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**Japan: Navigating foreign direct investment rules when you are contemplating a corporate reorganization**

## CROSSROADS – ICR INSIGHTS

When in Japan, if you are acquiring equity, changing a shareholder as part of a reorganization or taking certain other corporate actions, you need to beware of the new foreign investment rules.

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**Switzerland: Employee transfers in an asset deal**

## CROSSROADS – ICR INSIGHTS

Learn the Swiss law exception to automatic transfers of existing employment relationships in an asset deal.

By: [Dominik Hohler](#)

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**Switzerland: Grappling with the financial assistance rules**

## CROSSROADS – ICR INSIGHTS

Upstream or cross-stream financial assistance within a group of companies is a controversial topic in Switzerland. Dominik Hohler, Partner at Walder Wyss Ltd., provides a view of the current legal landscape.

By: [Dominik Hohler](#)

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**US: Tips on converting a corporate entity**

## CROSSROADS – ICR INSIGHTS

What to do when one US state won't allow you to readily convert from one entity type to another.

By: [Benjamin Guez](#)

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**The clean energy provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 – a historic effort to encourage the development of clean energy and reduce carbon emissions**

17 August 2022

The IRA will have a dramatic impact on development and financing of clean energy projects in the US over the next ten years, not least by expanding tax credits to additional technologies and allowing project owners to directly transfer those credits.

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**Judge declares reforms to Electricity Industry Law unconstitutional**

11 August 2022

Key details and implications for individuals, businesses and investors in Mexico's electricity sector.

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**Brazil's FIAGRO promotes agribusiness: key points about this new form of investment**

4 August 2022

### [PANORAMA](#)

By creating the FIAGRO structure, the Brazilian government is aiming to move financing of agricultural production from public subsidies into private hands.

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**ULC approves important new amendments to the Uniform Commercial Code for state adoption**

2 August 2022

The Amendments are wide ranging and cover a variety of topics and issues.

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**Inflation Reduction Act: 15 percent minimum book tax in the context of Pillar 2**

1 August 2022

US Treasury and the OECD appear committed to finding a solution that could incorporate some kind of tracing mechanism for Pillar 2 purposes into GILTI.

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**Israel Group News July 2022**

28 July 2022

## ISRAEL GROUP NEWS

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

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### Update on the new European Markets in Crypto-Assets regulation

25 July 2022

The controversial regulation aims to protect investors and preserve financial stability.

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### Committing to measurable ESG initiatives in the Food and Beverage Sector: Doing well by doing good

6 July 2022

## ESG HANDBOOKS AND GUIDES

At least 73 percent of the world's largest companies in the food and beverage sector have a sustainable development target, but only a quarter of these are setting time-bound targets and the remaining 27 percent have no sustainability strategy, according to the World Benchmarking Alliance.

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### Anti-money laundering: Global perspectives and updates

30 June 2022

Governments around the world are more determined now than ever to curb illicit financing in all forms.

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### France strengthens its whistleblowing regime: Focus on 3 key changes

30 June 2022

The law not only transposes the EU whistleblowing directive into French law, strengthening the country's previous regime, but actually goes beyond the directive's requirements.

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### Germany: five key aspects multinationals should know about the Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption law

30 June 2022

While Germany's Anti-Bribery and Corruption Law resembles its UK and US counterparts, it also poses unique risks.

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### Morocco: 5 hot compliance topics

30 June 2022

In Morocco, the sanitary crisis has shaped the actions of regulators, who are paying particular attention to economic actors' compliance in five key areas.

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### Real estate transactions are FinCEN targets: far-reaching impact of two proposed rules

30 June 2022

The proposed rules are a reminder of this Administration's commitment to the fight against corruption and illicit finance in the US real estate market.

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### The rise of global telehealth

30 June 2022

#### [AT THE INTERSECTION OF SCIENCE AND LAW PODCAST SERIES](#)

Partners Kristi Kung and Greg Bodulovic discuss the rise of telehealth amid the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as advancements in technology aiming to address disparate access to healthcare globally.

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### Understanding how Thai law looks at bribery, gift-giving and appropriate controls

30 June 2022

Thailand's National Anti-Corruption Commission has issued guidelines for companies on internal control measures appropriate to prevent bribery; the country also regulates the giving of gifts or benefits to public officials.

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### Mexican Energy Regulatory Commission imposes sanction of more than US\$450 million; Mexico's Supreme Court issues precedent unfavorable to permit holders

28 June 2022

Details of the decision and implications on private investments in the Mexican electricity market.

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### Supreme Court limits the use of 28 U.S.C. § 1782 discovery in international arbitration

27 June 2022

This decision largely puts an end to a long-standing debate.

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### The 12th WTO Ministerial Conference outcomes

24 June 2022

#### [DLA PIPER TRADE TRUTHS](#)

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.

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### *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health* : Implications for business of a post-Roe landscape

23 June 2022

*Dobbs* raises a number of important questions for companies and entities.

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### Biden Administration's Greenbook signals continued focus on taxation of cryptocurrency and digital assets

23 May 2022

The Greenbook outlines a number of tax proposals addressing trading and lending of cryptocurrency and digital assets.

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### **Protecting your IP in Russia: Best practices, action steps**

18 May 2022

#### **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS**

US companies may take action in Russia to protect their IP rights, notwithstanding US economic and trade sanctions.

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### **New wave of US sanctions on Russia targets services, broadcasting, banking, and US exports**

16 May 2022

#### **GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT**

The US government continues to announce new measures.

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### **eSignature and ePayment News and Trends**

11 May 2022

#### **ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS**

Embracing the movement towards digital and ESG.

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### **Israel Group News April 2022**

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### **Mexican Congress rejects electricity constitutional reform and approves bill to regulate lithium**

20 April 2022

An outline of the House of Representatives' decision regarding the Electricity Reform and Mining Reform, as well as its possible implications.

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### **US Citizenship and Immigration Services filing period now open for selected H-1B Visa registrants**

20 April 2022

Selected registrants may now file a corresponding H-1B petition between April 1 and June 30, 2022.

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### **FDIC issues new crypto-asset guidance and notification requirements**

19 April 2022

New requirements for FDIC-supervised institutions that engage, or intend to engage, in any crypto-related activities.

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**Latest sanctions block Russia's largest banks, cyber actors and more; Biden's executive order prohibits investments in Russia by US persons**

8 April 2022

**GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT**

Two of Russia's largest banks, Sberbank and Alfa-Bank, which had previously been subject to narrower restrictions, have now been blocked.

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**Mexican Supreme Court dismisses Unconstitutionality Action against Electricity Industry Law reform**

8 April 2022

Key developments and implications

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**OECD releases draft Model Rules on Scope of Amount A under Pillar 1**

5 April 2022

Comments on the draft rules are due on April 18, 2022.

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**Implications of recent Treasury Green Book tax proposals**

29 March 2022

Taken together, the Treasury Department concludes that the proposals would raise more than \$2.5 trillion over the ten-year budget cycle.

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**New wave of US sanctions targets Russian Duma, additional elites, defense entities; BIS extends export controls to more than 100 Russian aircraft**

29 March 2022

**GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT**

The latest sanctions affect all members of the Duma, Russian elites, bank executives and board members, and Russian defense firms, and BIS has extended export controls to certain Russian aircraft.

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**US lifts Section 232 tariffs on steel and aluminum from the UK effective June 1, 2022**

28 March 2022

The US-UK agreement includes novel requirements that deserve special attention.

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**Biden Administration urges American companies to act quickly to improve cybersecurity safeguards**

22 March 2022

**GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT**

The White House stresses the importance of taking key steps to thwart nation-state bad actor activities.

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## SEC proposes mandatory climate-related disclosure and governance rules

21 March 2022

The SEC's latest effort to advance the Biden Administration's climate agenda.

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## Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

18 March 2022

### [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Biden EO aims to protect digital asset consumers; UK authorities seize NFTs; Ukraine receiving crypto donations.

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## US announces new trade restrictions against Russia as well as a new round of sanctions against Russian political elites

16 March 2022

### [GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT](#)

Many of the newly announced measures will require Congressional action.

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## US sanctions Russian energy sector while allowing various energy-related activities to continue

9 March 2022

### [GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT](#)

Today's actions further restrict commercial activity and increase risks of sanctions violations by well-intentioned companies.

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## Canadian sanctions in response to Russian military actions against Ukraine

March 7, 2022

### [GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT](#)

The Government of Canada has recently announced a series of new economic sanctions in response to Russia's invasion of and continued military actions against Ukraine.

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## US continues to escalate sanctions against Russia and Belarus

4 March 2022

### [GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT](#)

White House announces new sanctions while putting in place extensive new export control measures against Russia and Belarus; DOJ announces Task Force KleptoCapture; OFAC closes some loopholes.

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## Ukraine crisis: updates to UK, EU and US sanctions in the second 'phase' of the international response

1 March 2022

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As at 6pm GMT on Monday, 28 February 2022, and in addition to those measures outlined in the 'first phase' of the international community's response to the situation in Ukraine, the UK, EU and US has announced the following sanctions measures

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### US escalates its sanctions regime against Russia, targeting its financial system

28 February 2022

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And additional measures are expected to be announced by the US and its allies in the coming days

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### US imposes further sanctions and export controls against Russia

25 February 2022

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The White House emphasized that these newly announced sanctions and export controls will be complemented with similar measures imposed by US allies and partners.

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### New US sanctions in response to Russia's actions against Ukraine

23 February 2022

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Additional sanctions are expected that will target Russia's financial, technology, and defense sectors.

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### The US, EU and UK implement the 'first phase' of New Sanctions in response to Russia's recognition of the independence of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions

23 February 2022

## GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT

Providing you an up to date summary of the latest US, EU and UK "first phase" sanctions in response to Russia's recognition of the independence of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions.

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### New UK Regulations on the Russia Sanctions Regime

16 February 2022

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On 10 February 2022, the Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (Regulations) entered into force. The Regulations amend the designation criteria of the Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.

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### eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

31 January 2022

## ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS

Recently enacted federal and state laws, federal and state regulatory activities, fresh judicial precedent and more.

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## **US lifts Section 232 tariffs on steel from Japan, effective April 1, 2022**

10 February 2022

Beginning April 1, 2022, steel from Japan will be subject to a tariff-rate quota (TRQ), allowing a yearly set volume to enter the US tariff-free.

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## **Canada develops GHG offset regulations**

8 February 2022

The System will work in tandem with existing provincial and territorial systems to develop a consistent suite of requirements for transferability and fungibility of GHG offset credits across Canada.

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## **Focus on the transport sector**

8 February 2022

### [UNDERSTANDING THE UK NATIONAL SECURITY & INVESTMENT REGIME PODCAST](#)

In this episode, Sarah Smith is joined by Richard Jenkinson and global chair of DLA Piper's Infrastructure, Construction and Transport sector, Martin Nelson-Jones. They discuss the impact of the regime on the transport sector in relation to ports and harbours, as well as airports and air traffic control.

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## **UAE introduces federal corporate income tax from June 2023**

31 January 2022

Details of the contours of the UAE's regime.

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## **Focus on the technology sector**

25 January 2022

### [UNDERSTANDING THE UK NATIONAL SECURITY & INVESTMENT REGIME PODCAST](#)

What is the impact of the regime on the technology sector? Sarah Smith is joined by competition partner, Alexandra Kamerling, and DLA Piper's tech sector specialist, Kit Burden, to analyse which activities are likely to be caught with a focus on AI and computer hardware.

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## **Focus on the industrials sector**

18 January 2022

### [UNDERSTANDING THE UK NATIONAL SECURITY & INVESTMENT REGIME PODCAST](#)

In the third episode of the series we turn our focus to specific sectors. Sarah Smith and Matt Evans are joined by DLA Piper's defence sector specialist, Maria Pereira to discuss the impact of the regime on the industrials sector, specifically in relation to the defence, military and dual-use, advanced materials and satellite and space sectors.

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## **Puerto Rico: new protocol for the management of COVID-19 cases in the workplace**

11 January 2022

The protocol clarifies provisions of recent executive orders.

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

11 January 2022

### **[DLA PIPER TRADE TRUTHS](#)**

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.

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## **DLA Piper's Sanctions Matrix – January issue**

6 January 2022

### **[GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT](#)**

The Sanctions Matrix is designed to provide a "one-stop-shop" for developments in the scope and content of sanctions-related legislation. The January edition covers the recent expansion of sanctions targeting Belarus and the development of new US restrictions targeting Ethiopia.

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## **A legal overview**

4 January 2022

### **[UNDERSTANDING THE UK NATIONAL SECURITY & INVESTMENT REGIME PODCAST](#)**

In episode 2 of our podcast series we discuss the legal context of the regime: how it will operate and the implications for businesses. In particular, the legislation - which comes into force today, 4 January - has wide reaching implications for M&A involving businesses or assets connected with the UK.

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## **EU Directive ATAD 3 proposes new minimum substance rules against the use of shell companies**

4 January 2022

The Directive introduces reporting requirements for EU tax-resident companies – irrespective of their legal form – with certain mobile and passive income streams and inadequate operational substance.

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## **Supporting the health of your health system: 2022**

3 January 2022

Helping you tend to healthcare system wellness throughout the business life cycle.

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## **Following suit, European Commission publishes draft EU Directive to swiftly implement OECD 15 percent global**

## minimum tax

23 December 2021

The proposal delivers on the EU's pledge to ensure swift and harmonized implementation of the historic international agreement on global tax reform.

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## OECD issues detailed rules to implement global minimum tax: a look at the 10 chapters

21 December 2021

The guidelines provide a detailed description of the rules that the jurisdictions under the Inclusive Framework are to implement in their local legislation.

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## With Civil Cyber-Fraud Initiative, government sharpens focus on cybersecurity obligations for government contractors

13 December 2021

Deploying the False Claims Act to pursue cybersecurity-related fraud.

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## Dutch government moves ahead with human rights due diligence legislation

10 December 2021

The Dutch government has started working on a national human rights due diligence legislation, to be implemented swiftly. This article considers likely key aspects of the Dutch law and how businesses can prepare.

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## What's driving the new National Security and Investment Regime

12 December 2021

### [UNDERSTANDING THE UK NATIONAL SECURITY & INVESTMENT REGIME PODCAST](#)

Episode 1 of our new Podcast series discusses what is driving the new National Security and Investment Regime. What is the political context for the new regime? Who and what is driving the pressure to strengthen investment screening both in the UK and internationally? Sarah Smith, Partner in DLA Piper's Competition practice is joined by Lord Gavin Barwell, Strategic Advisor and former Chief of Staff to Teresa May and Paul Hardy, Head of UK Government Affairs at DLA Piper to discuss the context of the new regime.

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## Solutions to the impact of Brexit on Northern Ireland trade

29 October 2021

### [DLA PIPER TRADE TRUTHS](#)

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.

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## Treasury releases 2021 Sanctions Review: Its key recommendations and their implications for the private sector

28 October 2021

## GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT

The Report puts into perspective recent Biden Administration sanctions while helping to forecast what will come.

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### Five issues to watch for at COP26 in Glasgow

12 October 2021

Hopes had already been high for COP26 even before the pandemic paused it. The pent-up potential has only heightened those expectations.

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### US Trade Representative seeks comments on possible reinstatements of previously extended exclusions to Section 301 tariffs

6 October 2021

Interested parties should consider submitting comments in support or opposition to any possible reinstatement.

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### Australia announces expanded double tax treaty network

30 September 2021

In this update we describe how the expansion of the double tax treaty network in Australia is very timely and well supported.

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

27 September 2021

#### [DLA PIPER TRADE TRUTHS](#)

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.

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### House tax proposal: significant statutory changes include raising corporate rate, overhauling international taxation system

21 September 2021

While the Senate is likely to cut back on some of the proposals, tax increases for business and individuals are expected to be enacted by Thanksgiving.

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### Further postponement of post-Brexit border checks in Great Britain

16 September 2021

#### [DLA PIPER TRADE TRUTHS](#)

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.

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## White House announces plan to substantially expand introduction of sustainable aviation fuel

15 September 2021

Key details.

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## Protecting your company from supply chain cyber attacks

September 2021

Today, virtually all companies rely on third-party technical solutions to manage their business. The downside is that incorporating new third-party technology into business operations creates new vectors for cyberattacks.

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## DLA Piper's Sanctions Matrix – September issue

7 September 2021

The September issue of DLA Piper's Sanction Matrix offers latest developments on key sanctions-related legislation. This issue highlights extensions of measures targeting Belarus, the softening of sanctions targeting Egypt and Tunisia and the imposition of the UK's Global Anti-Corruption Sanctions Regime.

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## Subject to the EAR: When is a non-US product free from the EAR?

25 August 2021

When does a non-US-made product incorporating US-origin components or technology escape the technical jurisdiction of the EAR? This article outlines the exemptions possible, and explains the application of the second incorporation rule.

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

25 August 2021

### [DLA PIPER TRADE TRUTHS](#)

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.

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## European Commission publishes long-awaited updated regulation and guidelines on vertical agreements

18 August 2021

The European Commission recently published its proposed revised Vertical Block Exemption Regulation and Draft Vertical Guidelines. The new Regulation and guidelines are being brought in to replace the current Regulation which came into force in 2010 and is due to expire on 31 May 2022.

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## Judiciously Reviewed? Government outlines proposed reforms to judicial review

2 August 2021

On 21 July 2021, the UK Government laid the Judicial Review and Courts Bill 2020-21 before Parliament.

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## European Commission unveils its 'Fit for 55' package

16 July 2021

On Wednesday 14 July 2021, the European Commission took a major step to accomplish its ambitious goal of making Europe the first climate neutral continent by 2050, by adopting a package of proposals for the EU's climate, energy, land use, transport and taxation policies to reduce net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030.

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## What the Biden Cybersecurity Executive Order means for technology vendors and service providers in the federal ecosystem

June 2021

Steps technology vendors should consider as they prepare.

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## When will Washington regulate artificial intelligence?

June 2021

Seeking to ensure a leading global role for the US in AI development and implementation is a prime motivator for American policymakers.

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## Biden Administration tax compliance plan targets cryptocurrency assets

21 June 2021

The plan would give the IRS greater authority and resources to collect information on Americans' financial assets and transactions, including cryptocurrency transactions.

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## Biden's FY 2022 budget and Treasury Green Book – additional details on international tax proposals

2 June 2021

Fleshing out revenue proposals in the White House's American Jobs Plan and American Families Plan.

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## Luxembourg law of 20 May 2021 enters into force amending Luxembourg laws in the financial sector

2 June 2021

On 21 May 2021, the Law of 20 May 2021 (Law) was published on *Mémorial A* amending, among others, the law of 5 April 1993 on the financial sector, as amended (LFS).

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## The Russia sanctions and their impacts on commodities companies: Action steps for companies engaged in transactions with Russian gas and energy companies

11 May 2021

Implications of key provisions in President Biden's Executive Order.

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## **The UK Government adopts the National Security and Investment Act on 29 April 2021**

10 May 2021

With the adoption of the National Security & Investment Act, the UK is embarking on a serious journey to toughen foreign investment rules in line with other major economies in a move prompted by concerns surrounding foreign investment in critical or sensitive sectors.

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## **The European Commission proposes sweeping new controls on foreign subsidised companies**

6 May 2021

On 5th May 2021, the European Commission published a draft new legislative proposal seeking to impose broad controls on companies which have received support from foreign (non-EU) governments.

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## **Establishment of new freeports in England**

29 April 2021

### **DLA PIPER TRADE TRUTHS**

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.

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## **US government announces sweeping sanctions against Russia**

16 April 2021

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The newly imposed sanctions represent a significant escalation and addition to the sanctions architecture put in place by the Obama and Trump Administrations.

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## **Postponement of post-Brexit border checks in Great Britain**

23 March 2021

### **DLA PIPER TRADE TRUTHS**

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.

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## **United States imposes significant new export controls and sanctions on Russia and China**

23 March 2021

Reflecting a further hardening of US foreign policy and national security policy positions with those two countries.

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## **Antidumping and countervailing duty petition against imports of certain Chinese mobile access equipment and subassemblies: Consequences for exporters and US importers**

16 March 2021

Foreign producers, exporters and importers may consider having a strategy for addressing AD and CVD investigations, including possible participation.

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## EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement: Rules of Origin

8 February 2021

### [DLA PIPER TRADE TRUTHS](#)

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.

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## China's Blocking Rules: New trade-compliance dilemmas for third-country companies

25 January 2021

The Blocking Rules respond to the increased use of "secondary" economic sanctions and export controls by the US.

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## Supply of Consumer Goods in the UK and/or EU from 2021

15 January 2021

The impact of Brexit - things to consider, plan and address

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

7 January 2021

### [DLA PIPER TRADE TRUTHS](#)

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.

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## Boardroom Brexit: The view from Europe on the trade deal

31 December 2020

### [BOARDROOM BREXIT](#)

The mood in Europe is upbeat – if a little apprehensive on how things are going to work in practice. All in all, it is fair to say that Brussels is extremely happy to have concluded the TCA.

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## Boardroom Brexit: The view from the UK on the trade deal

31 December 2020

### [BOARDROOM BREXIT](#)

The UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) came as a much-needed, hurriedly wrapped Christmas present for the UK Prime Minister.

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## Boardroom Brexit: What the deal means for Level Playing Field rules

31 December 2020

### [BOARDROOM BREXIT](#)

Given the zero-tariff and zero-quota nature of the TCA, the EU's initial request was to push for strict level playing field rules. The TCA provides for a more flexible mechanism that does not oblige the UK to align with EU legislation but prevents both sides from using their regulatory autonomy to grant unfair subsidies to businesses or distort competition.

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## Boardroom Brexit: What the deal means for dispute resolution

31 December 2020

### [BOARDROOM BREXIT](#)

This was one of the most contentious areas in the negotiations as both sides wanted assurances that the other party would honour the commitments contained in the TCA in the future.

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## Boardroom Brexit: What the deal means for energy and climate change

31 December 2020

### [BOARDROOM BREXIT](#)

The TCA regulates the trade in electricity and gas between the EU and the UK over interconnectors, provides for cooperation in respect of security of supply, the integration of renewables into their respective markets and cooperation to develop hybrid projects that combine interconnectors and offshore wind farms in the North Sea (thus opening up the potential for a North Sea grid), as well as ensuring open and fair competition and stipulating general safety standards.

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## Boardroom Brexit: What the deal means for fishing

31 December 2020

### [BOARDROOM BREXIT](#)

Fisheries punched way above its economic weight in these negotiations, and a compromise was only agreed at the last minute. Many will argue that the quality of the negotiation suffered as a result.

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## Boardroom Brexit: What the deal means for funding and procurement

31 December 2020

### [BOARDROOM BREXIT](#)

The TCA provides last-minute clarity for UK companies and organisations that participate in EU funded projects, or receive funding and investment through EU programmes, such as Horizon Europe.

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## Boardroom Brexit: What the deal means for intellectual property

31 December 2020

### [BOARDROOM BREXIT](#)

The TCA is not radical in terms of its immediate impact on holders of IP rights in the UK or the EU. It does not, for example, affect the post-2020 status of EU trade marks in the UK.

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### **Boardroom Brexit: What the deal means for mobility**

31 December 2020

#### **BOARDROOM BREXIT**

From 1 January 2021, freedom of movement between the United Kingdom and European Union will end. There are, however, some provisions in the TCA regarding the temporary movement of those carrying out business-related activities between the UK and EU.

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### **Boardroom Brexit: What the deal means for personal data and digital trade**

31 December 2020

#### **BOARDROOM BREXIT**

The TCA allows personal data to transfer from the EU-UK, for a period of up to six months from 1 January 2021. This 'bridging' period is designed to allow the EU time needed to adopt a formal adequacy decision which will allow the continuing flow of personal data to the UK.

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### **Boardroom Brexit: What the deal means for state aid and competition**

31 December 2020

#### **BOARDROOM BREXIT**

EU state aid law applies to assistance from state resources that is selective in its application and that has a potential effect on trade between EU member states and competition.

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### **Boardroom Brexit: What the deal means for the UK and EU ratification and implementation process**

31 December 2020

#### **BOARDROOM BREXIT**

The steps before the EU/UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement becomes law

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### **Boardroom Brexit: What the deal means for trade in goods**

31 December 2020

#### **BOARDROOM BREXIT**

What will the Trade and Cooperation Agreement mean for tariffs and quotas, rules of origin, technical barriers to trade, customs and product standards

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### **Boardroom Brexit: What the deal means for trade in services**

31 December 2020

#### **BOARDROOM BREXIT**

The TCA has substantial sectoral coverage, including professional and business services (e.g. legal, auditing, architectural services),

delivery and telecommunication services, computer-related and digital services, financial services, research and development services, most transport services and environmental services.

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## **Boardroom Brexit: What the deal means for transport**

31 December 2020

### **BOARDROOM BREXIT**

There will be continued market access rights for UK and EU road haulage operators, while under the TCA, UK and EU air carriers will continue to enjoy flyover rights and operating rights on routes between the UK and EU. However, UK carriers will not be able to operate cabotage routes in the EU (and vice versa)

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## **US DOT issues groundbreaking proposals for regulation of automated driving systems, seeks input**

11 December 2020

The rulemaking initiates an important new chapter in autonomous vehicle development and commercialization in the US.

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## **China's First Measures Under New Export Control Law Target Encryption Products**

7 December 2020

China's new Export Control Law took effect on December 1, 2020. The next day, the Ministry of Commerce, together with the State Cryptography Administration and the General Administration of Customs, released a circular that includes the first list of products and technologies focusing on commercial encryption products and technologies.

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## **SEC 2021 and beyond: What to expect**

7 December 2020

Some likely areas of SEC focus, from both the regulatory and enforcement perspectives, in 2021 and beyond.

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## **PFI and PPP in the UK – is it time to talk about handback?**

30 November 2020

The most recent standard form contracts and guidance in the UK for PPPs and similar forms of contract recognize the importance of prescribing detailed handback requirements and making provision for lead-in processes to be followed when a project approaches the end of its term.

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## **Brexit: Choice of Law, Jurisdiction, Enforcement, and Service**

27 November 2020

This article looks at the impact of reaching the end of the Brexit transition period (at 11pm on 31 December 2020) on governing law, jurisdiction, enforcement, and service in contracts between UK entities and EU member state entities.

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## **The UK's National Security & Investment Bill: Excessive protectionism, or necessary to align the UK with other major economies?**

18 November 2020

Laid before Parliament on 11 November 2020, the National Security & Investment Bill (the "Bill") promises to usher in a sweeping reform of the way in which the UK Government can scrutinise foreign investment.

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## **Continuity or Change? Procurement Rules after Brexit**

12 November 2020

### **DLA PIPER TRADE TRUTHS**

This weeks edition of DLA Piper Trade Turths, 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.

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## **Independent Review of Administrative Law - Call for Evidence**

9 November 2020

The DLA Piper Public Law Team was recently invited to contribute to the Independent Review of Administrative Law (IRAL) by providing evidence to the IRAL Panel which has been appointed to consider options for reform to judicial review.

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

29 October 2020

### **DLA PIPER TRADE TRUTHS**

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.

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## **Canada: Third-party litigation funding, enforcement of arbitral awards, admissibility of fresh evidence during court review**

26 October 2020

Three recent decisions.

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## **Chile: Drafting arbitration clauses in international contracts – practical aspects**

26 October 2020

International arbitration has expanded considerably in recent years in Chile.

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## **USMCA investor-state dispute settlement provisions: Key differences for Mexico**

26 October 2020

For ISDS claims, only after the local litigation requirement is fulfilled or 30 months have elapsed may certain substantive claims be brought against a state.

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## **China signs off on PRC Biosecurity Law: What this means for industry players in China**

21 October 2020

The Biosecurity Law establishes a comprehensive framework replacing the current somewhat piecemeal legislation.

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

21 October 2020

#### **DLA PIPER TRADE TRUTHS**

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”.

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### **Germany’s New Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) Act took effect on 11 October 2020**

19 October 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.

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### **Rules of Origin - what you need to know**

9 October 2020

#### **DLA PIPER TRADE TRUTHS**

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.

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### **Regulatory Enforcement and Privilege – Waiver, Content, Cherry-Picking**

7 October 2020

Disclosing privileged documents under a limited waiver to regulators has the potential to attract cooperation credit when regulators decide on level of penalty or, indeed, whether to undertake enforcement proceedings or prosecution. There may also be benefits in relying on privileged material in any defence to regulatory enforcement or prosecution.

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### **US companies: EU data regulation means new oversight**

2 DEC 2015

Many US companies are about to experience new regulatory oversight.

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### **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.

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### **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.”

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **Mexico's new National Anticorruption System: 7 key points**

20 JUL 2015

Constitutional reform regarding the creation of the National Anticorruption System

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## **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

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## **Law à la Mode - INTA special edition: Dubai's d3; combating counterfeit goods online; our top 10 tips on IP protection for fashion items; and more**

4 MAY 2015

### **LAW À LA MODE**

DLA Piper's Fashion, Retail and Design group is pleased to bring you this special edition of Law à la Mode, marking the 137th INTA Annual Meeting in San Diego.

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## **Law à la Mode: Falling foul of China's trademark system; Retailers need to prepare for the new EU Data Protection Regulation; and New developments in the framework of the copyright protection of handbags**

2 FEB 2015

### **LAW À LA MODE**

A quarterly e-magazine from our Fashion, Retail and Design Group with the latest industry news, comment and legal updates. This edition has been edited by our Italian colleagues.

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## **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

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

12 SEP 2013

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## **Congress, Administration move forward to secure critical US infrastructure**

11 JUL 2013

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## **US commits \$7B to ambitious Power Africa initiative**

2 JUL 2013

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

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## 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.

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## 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.

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

11 MAR 2013

Practical considerations for US federal contractors

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## EU releases cybersecurity strategy

15 FEB 2013

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

14 FEB 2013

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## UK: The real risk of cyber attack

1 AUG 2011

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## Events

### Previous

#### **Digital regulation in the EU/UK: Navigating new rules on data transfers, AI and data protection**

September 5, 2022

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#### **Liquidation, acquisition and restructuring of China operations (Session 7)**

June 22, 2022 | 12:00 - 1:00 pm ET  
Webinar

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#### **Embracing Digital Evolution**

15 September 2021  
Webinar

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#### **Navigating the Biden Administration Transition: Evolving Geopolitical Implications for Europe and the Middle East**

18 March 2021 | 8:00 - 9:00 EDT  
Webinar

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#### **Part 3: The 2020 general election results – implications of tax and economic policy for business**

12 January 2021 | 2:00 - 3:00 ET  
Webinar

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#### **The US Election and the Race for a Vaccine: A Roundtable Discussion with Gregory Zuckerman**

21 December 2020  
Webinar

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## NEWS

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#### **Best Lawyers / Handelsblatt recommends a total of 90 lawyers from DLA Piper in Germany**

24 June 2022

This year, the U.S. publisher Best Lawyers has once again recognized numerous DLA Piper lawyers in Germany in various areas of law.

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## DLA Piper strengthens its antitrust practice with partner Dr Justus Herrlinger

27 October 2021

DLA Piper will strengthen its Hamburg office with the appointment of Dr Justus Herrlinger as a new partner in the antitrust practice, effective 1 November 2021.

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## In Germany

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Our **Regulatory and Government Affairs** team provides advice at all stages of the regulatory process and helps clients navigate the constantly changing public policy environment. The complex legislative and regulatory environment places increasingly high demands – especially in the course of Europeanisation and internationalization, but also Brexit.

Our lawyers have many years of experience and maintain close relationships with many German federal states and ministries at federal level (including the Chancellery) as well as with the authorities of the EU Commission and members of the EU Parliament. Our global network has extensive experience in all areas of international, European and national regulation. This enables us to provide our clients with the best possible support in overcoming the numerous challenges of public commercial law and regulation so they can pursue their interests.

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- Infrastructure and transport
- International trade law and export control
- Monitoring of legislation at national, European and international level
- Municipal and administrative law
- Product safety and product liability law
- Public procurement law
- Regulatory requirements in international contract, commercial and distribution law
- Subsidy and EU state aid law