



International Trade

Today the world operates within a complex political, regulatory and media environment. The way businesses and governments interpret and influence the developments in this environment is crucial to their ongoing commercial success. Effective management of this environment is key to the way you are perceived by the markets and by political, regulatory, media and consumer audiences.

Our International Trade lawyers offer trade, lobbying and communications support to public and private sector clients across the world. Our objective is to help our clients, whether business or government to navigate their way through the complex network of regulation, legislation and standards that govern global policy making; to understand policy creation and decision making processes across the US, EU and beyond; and to ensure their opinion is heard and heeded in Brussels, Washington, DC, Geneva, London and other global capitals.

CAPABILITES

Trade Policy and Environment

Navigating complex international trade rules can help you gain improved access to new markets. Our approach is facilitated by an ability to provide a comprehensive strategy not only for handling trade litigation, but for assembling broad industry coalitions when appropriate, forming a strategy and working with key policy decision makers. We regularly represent clients' in international trade negotiations, interpretation and enforcement of bilateral and multilateral trade and investment agreements and help clients to navigate Free trade and other preferential treatment arrangements including understanding and influencing WTO accessions, negotiations, compliance matters and dispute settlement proceedings.

Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS)

Decades of experience practicing before the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States and comprehensive understanding of the Foreign Investment and National Security Act of 2007, DLA Piper is positioned to help interested companies navigate this complicated national security review process. Our approach to CFIUS cases is grounded in a strong technical understanding of current law and procedure. We have proven experience in navigating the process and, if required, negotiating national security agreements and mitigation agreements, including special security agreements, proxy agreements and special corporate arrangements. When necessary, we draw on the talents of our regulatory practitioners in specific fields including: telecommunications, export controls, sanctions, government contracts and national industrial security procedures. Our effectiveness goes well beyond our technical legal capability, encompassing sophisticated political and media strategies to ensure that even the most sensitive and challenging cases are viewed in a favorable light in Congress,

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the Administration and at the local level. Because we understand the public policy arena, we know what it takes get the very best outcomes.

Cross Border Investments

Global capital flow takes a multidisciplinary approach. Our group counsel clients on the development of cross-border opportunities while managing these regulatory risks. With decades of experience practicing before the Committee on Foreign Investment (CFIUS) and a comprehensive understanding of the Foreign Investment and National Security Act of 2007, we are well positioned to help interested companies navigate this complicated national security review process. We have proven experience in navigating the process and, if required, negotiating national security agreements and mitigation agreements, including special security agreements, proxy agreements and special corporate arrangements. The group draws on the strength of our diverse team to resolve regulatory issues that arise in the context of cross-border mergers, acquisitions, and financings.

Customs

We offer strategic and legal support to companies in all aspects of customs enforcement and routinely help multinational clients reduce their customs duty and indirect tax liabilities. We are experienced in conducting internal audits as well as in representing importers and other parties in large voluntary disclosure cases, seizures, investigations, liquidated damages and penalties. If a dispute arises, we represent our client's interests in their dealings with third parties including regulatory authorities, and suppliers.

Antidumping and Countervailing Duty

Experienced in all facets of prosecuting and defending antidumping and countervailing duty actions, as well as other trade remedy matters, before trade agencies, courts, and international dispute resolution panels. Our lawyers have represented clients in high-profile cases combining traditional trade remedy litigation with political work. Our in-depth experience in the actual conduct of trade proceedings enables us to provide sound and sophisticated advice to clients who are evaluating possible trade actions, developing defensive strategies or pursuing other business objectives affected by import competition or trade litigation. The group has extensive experience providing advice with respect to potential and existing trade actions and the market and business implications of such actions. We also have the ability to address issues related to the application and enforcement of antidumping and countervailing duty orders, including customs classification, circumvention, and customs fraud issues.

Lobbying and Regulation

Many international companies fail to get the most out of the markets in which they operate. To maximize the use of these markets, we regularly assist our clients to utilize existing regulatory instruments, advocate before decision-makers for market access improvements, and influence regulatory approvals that will impact product approval and import prices.

Product Stewardship, Liability and Recall

Managing product liability risks globally is a difficult challenge. Going beyond traditional arbitrations and trials, we regularly advise on the full range of regulatory issues at every stage of the product life cycle ranging from risk, compliance, and business management to managing crisis situations for clients including product recall and reputation management.

Sanctions and Export Controls

Penalties for non-compliance with export controls and sanctions regulations are extremely severe and can also lead to significant reputational damage. Companies need to be aware of and fully compliant with these regulations and orders. We have extensive experience in advising a wide range of companies on U.S. Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) regulations, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) Export Administration Regulations (EAR), U.S. Department of State, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC) International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), as well as similar regulations from other government agencies regulating international trade and transactions. We can help your business meet the regulatory challenges, minimizing risk and developing proactive programs to fit your business needs and processes. The current sanctions regime consists of primary sanctions directed at US companies and their foreign subsidiaries and secondary or extraterritorial sanctions against foreign entities and individuals. In recent years the US Congress has enacted a series of complex sanctions laws targeting trade with Iran. Congressional sanctions law are accompanied by implementing presidential Executive Orders as well as detailed regulations and guidance issued by the US Treasury and other government agencies including the Departments of Commerce and State. Our firm

has successfully advised clients throughout the years on compliance with sanctions issues and, where required, navigating the detailed licensing application processes at the US Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control. Our practice includes the former Director of the Office of Foreign Assets Controls and other former Executive Branch officials from The White House and the US Commerce Department. We have represented major hotel, insurance, banking, agricultural, medical and manufacturing companies in complex cases requiring a sophisticated and operational working knowledge of the sanctions regimes and working with the respective government agencies involved in enforcing the sanctions regimes.

Capacity Building

As well as providing direct technical and strategic advice, DLA Piper's International Trade practice has developed a comprehensive suite of training courses to help build the longer term capacity of public officials, diplomats and business people equipping them with the skills and knowledge needed to become an effective negotiator or operator across the US, EU and its Member States and beyond.

International Trade Disputes

Our practice encompasses the full range of trade remedy litigation before trade agencies, international dispute resolution panels and the courts. We have prosecuted, defended and provided advice with respect to numerous US and foreign import relief and market access proceedings. In these proceedings (which have involved virtually every major trading country) we have represented domestic producers, foreign producers and importers across a wide range of industries.

Global Anti-Corruption

Enforcement of foreign anti-corruption laws is at a record high. International anticorruption and financial crimes enforcement is expected to expand further as prosecutors from around the world actively cooperate with enforcement authorities on international anti-corruption and financial fraud investigations. DLA Piper's team of FCPA, UK Bribery Act, and international anti-corruption and financial fraud professionals are experienced at dealing with the powers that underline both regulatory investigations and enforcement in today's increasingly harsh regulatory environment. Our investigations, reviews, audits and due diligence projects have spanned the globe.

Country of Origin

Today, many products are an outcome of a large number of parts and pieces that come from many different countries, and that may then be assembled together in a third country. In these cases, it's hard to know exactly what is the country of origin, and different rules apply as to how to determine their "correct" country of origin. The requirements for Country of Origin markings are complicated by the various designations which may be required and vary by country of import and export.

Trade Terms

We advise clients on the use of commercial terms of sale such as INCOTERMS (FOB, CIF, etc.) and the application of the International Convention on the International Sale of Goods (CISG), including the proper use of INCOTERMS in order to avoid ambiguities that could affect liability in cross-border transactions.

EXPERIENCE

- Advising a manufacturing company on the restructure of its supply chain further to the reform of the EU Generalised System of Preferences.
- Advising companies on how to optimise the impact of Russia's accession to the World Trade Organisation and identifying associated trade opportunities.
- Acting for a leading multinational toy manufacturer in three concurrent Anti-Smuggling Bureau investigations in China. Successfully mitigated the VAT liability on imported tooling and preserved the clients compliance record.
- Acting for China's second largest paper producer in concurrent US anti-dumping and countervailing duty investigations on imports of coated free sheet paper from China, resulting in a finding of no injury to the US industry.
- Advising a food manufacturer on the Country of Origin labelling principles in the EU in light of the new Food Information to Consumer requirements.
- Advising a manufacturer of lighting equipment exported to more than 20 jurisdictions, of product safety, regulatory notification and

recall obligations.

- Acting for global network infrastructure manufacturer, obtained global export authorization in the Netherlands and “Approved in Principal” export licenses in Hong Kong for dual-use high tech network components.
- Acting on behalf of a major Mideast Sovereign Wealth Fund successfully completed the CFIUS process involving the acquisition of a stake in one of the America’s largest equity exchanges.
- Advising a large Japanese company in the successful outcome of a CFIUS case involving the acquisition of a US company developing encrypted operational support systems for telecommunications companies.
- Advising a global leader in the beverage industry on various licensing and compliance matters involving trade controls administered by the US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security and economic sanctions and embargo programs administered by the US Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control.
- Provide legal advice and assistance to global agricultural commodities, food-processing and commodities-trading corporation on various licensing and compliance matters involving trade controls administered by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security and economic sanctions and embargo programs administered by the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control.
- Provide legal advice and assistance to a Japanese and French multinational automobile manufacturers on various licensing and compliance matters involving trade controls administered by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security and economic sanctions and embargo programs administered by the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control.
- Counsel several leading property/casualty and life/health insurance and reinsurance companies involving compliance with economic sanctions laws and regulations administered by the U.S. Treasury Department Office of Foreign Assets Control, extra-territorial sanctions administered by the Department of State and other related sanctions administered by state insurance or financial regulators.
- Provide strategic assistance to a Swedish aerospace and defense company in designing and implementing export control compliance systems and authorizations to enhance global competitiveness.
- Provide advice on compliance with the ITAR brokering regulations and other export control and sanctions regulations for a producer of aluminum products.
- We provide advice on compliance with US export controls and economic sanctions for the conduct of the client’s business in embargoed countries for a worldwide designer, developer, manufacturer and marketer of medical devices.
- Represent a metallurgical manufacturing facility and the world’s largest and most efficient producers of metallurgical and chemical-grade silicon metal in a Department of Commerce and U.S. International Trade Commission sunset reviews of antidumping duty orders covering imports from three major silicomanganese producing and exporting countries.
- Provide legal advice and preparation of notices filed with the U.S. Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) for buyers from India, China, Italy, Spain, the Middle East, Canada and the United Kingdom allowing them to purchase controlling interests in U.S. businesses
- Provide counseling, execution and analysis of anticorruption due diligence under the Foreign Corrupt Practice Act’s (FCPA) standards at both pre- and post-acquisition stages, including appropriate remediation of noncompliant findings, for transactions worldwide where one or both parties are subject to the extraterritorial requirements of U.S. law
- We advise on mandatory reporting requirements to the Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC) under Section 219 of the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act or inquiries from the SEC’s Office of Global Security Risk.

INSIGHTS

Publications

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.

DLA Piper's Sanctions Matrix – January issue

6 January 2022

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.

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

28 October 2021

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

US government announces sweeping sanctions against Russia

16 April 2021

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Chile: Drafting arbitration clauses in international contracts – practical aspects

26 October 2020

International arbitration has expanded considerably in recent years in Chile.

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".

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.

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

30 September 2020

[DLA PIPER TRADE TRUTHS](#)

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?

24 September 2020

[DLA PIPER TRADE TRUTHS](#)

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.

DLA Piper launches Trade Truths

8 September 2020

[DLA PIPER TRADE TRUTHS](#)

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

New national security regulations subject more insurance sector transactions to CFIUS review

20 August 2020

Transactions in the insurance sector are squarely in the CFIUS crosshairs.

US moves forward on enhanced securities regulations focusing on Chinese companies

17 August 2020

Latest developments in US efforts to address the financial risks posed by emerging market companies.

Procurement Law Reform - Let's start a discussion

9 July 2020

DLA Piper's panel discussion webinar held on 1 July 2020 had a lively debate on the merits of potential options for reform and which changes might produce a better model for procurement regulation in the UK post Brexit. This is the first of a series of bitesize summary reports providing feedback from the debate.

Are you ready for the USMCA? Customs-related takeaways on key changes from NAFTA

30 June 2020

Claiming USMCA duty advantages – practical considerations.

New Section 301 investigations into digital services taxes involving multiple countries

29 June 2020

The US Trade Representative will investigate whether these DSTs discriminate against or place an unreasonable burden upon or restrict US commerce.

First emerging technologies identified and controlled for export in the EAR

26 June 2020

The designation also makes these a "critical technology," giving CFIUS jurisdiction over foreign investments in US businesses that engage with these items.

CFIUS encourages public to provide tips and referrals

24 June 2020

The new webpage encourages tips and referrals about non-notified deals, violations of CFIUS mitigation measures, and other matters that raise national security risk.

Boardroom Brexit - 15 June 2020

15 June 2020

[BOARDROOM BREXIT](#)

Boardroom Brexit - Britain rules out extension (15 June 2020).

Afghanistan's Food & Beverage Market and COVID-19

28 May 2020

Afghanistan is a frontier market and an importer of a variety of food products; and in the last two years has undergone a record number of business reforms meaning there are significant opportunities for international food and beverage companies in the Afghan market, even in the midst of COVID-19.

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.

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.

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.

Bank Regulatory News and Trends

20 April 2020

BANK REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS

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

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 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.

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.

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 (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.

OCC issues further guidance on risk management in third-party relationships

13 March 2020

BANK REGULATORY NEWS AND TRENDS

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) released Bulletin 2020-10, a supplement to OCC Bulletin 2013-29, "Third-Party Relationships: Risk Management Guidance," issued October 30, 2013.

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.

Coronavirus COVID-19 and other supply chain disruptions (UK)

14 February 2020

In a world of increasingly long, international and interdependent supply chains, the coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak is just the most recent event to highlight the ever more complex considerations arising from a disruption to supply.

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.

Coronavirus COVID-19 and force majeure: How are your contracts being affected? (Europe)

12 February 2020

The outbreak of coronavirus COVID-19 has caused, and continues to cause, great uncertainty for businesses around the world.

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.

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.

Tax incentives in Puerto Rico: a quick introduction

13 JUN 2017

Puerto Rico offers a spectrum of economic incentives aiming to promote many key industries. This handbook offers a quick look at ten of the most significant of these incentives.

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.
