



# SEACChange

Welcome to SEACChange!

Each month we feature updates across the disputes and investigations space with relevance to your business in Asia. The various articles are provided by teams within our Asian operation and benefit from their close monitoring of their respective markets. Our region provides both opportunity and significant risk; we hope these insights help you manage legal issues and navigate some of that risk.

## ISSUES

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### SEACChange Issue IV: May 2022

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Our latest covers various developments in the disputes and cybersecurity space, touching on Australia, Singapore and Thailand.

We also examine how corporates can tackle the challenges posed by “blocking statutes” to the conduct of internal and regulatory investigations in Asian markets. This has become a hot issue given the trend of regulators and governments enforcing and enacting legislation to limit the sharing of evidence out of their respective jurisdictions.

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### SEACChange Issue III: February 2022

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Our third issue focuses on significant developments in Singapore, cutting across corporate governance, dispute resolution and employment issues.

We also look at stronger steps being taken in China to enhance whistleblower frameworks by (amongst other things) incentivizing the reporting of misconduct. These changes are consistent with changes we are seeing in other Asian jurisdictions.

Our articles look at:

China's *Interim Measures for Rewards for Whistleblower Reports of Major Violations in the Field of Market Regulation* and what it means for corporates and their compliance systems in China;

Conditional fee arrangements, and how Singapore's latest law permitting these arrangements will continue to strengthen its position as a leading disputes hub;

Proposed legislation in Singapore, expected to be tabled in 2022, that will give greater bite to existing workplace discrimination guidelines; and

Guidelines issued by the Monetary Authority of Singapore that will heighten corporate governance standards expected of financial institutions.

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## SEACHange Issue II: December 2021

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Our second issue focuses on a varied set of regional updates, cutting across areas of data protection, cybersecurity, and the environment. Data protection and cybersecurity concerns remain a focus of legislators and enforcement agencies across Asia.

In this issue we cover:

Challenges and implications for corporates in handling cross-border investigations with a nexus to China as a result of China's new Personal Information Protection Law;

The impact of Thailand's newly-issued notification on private entities pursuant to its Cyber Security Act;

The hefty compliance requirements arising from India's Data Protection Bill which has been inspired by the EU's GDPR; and

Indonesian courts taking a tougher stance in holding the government and its representatives liable for environmental failures.

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## SEACHange Issue I: October 2021

14 October 2021

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Our first issue covers a wide range of jurisdictions, and an even wider range of issues.

We'll cover a new view from the SICC on admitting evidence of corruption in arbitral proceedings, Lord Mance's analysis (with potentially far-reaching consequences) on what, in the age of COVID-19, constitutes a "competent local authority", the Australian Federal Court's thinking on the limits of privilege in relation to internal investigations and an important decision of the Indian Supreme Court on the interplay between court and tribunal issued interim relief.

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