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Publications

Westminster Watch: Why you need to understand the retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill

17 October 2022

On 22 September 2022, the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill (the Bill) was introduced into Parliament. The Bill will facilitate the amendment, replacement or repeal of retained EU law (REUL) by the end of 2023 and assimilate all remaining REUL into UK law without the special features of EU law features continuing to apply.

Global Sanctions Update

8 March 2022

[GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT](#)

Our International Trade team have summarised the latest developments in global sanctions and how to navigate the implications on your business.

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.

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.

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.

Solutions to the impact of Brexit on Northern Ireland trade

29 October 2021

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

Why anti-suit injunctions may be on the rise after Brexit

27 October 2021

The departure of the UK from the EU is expected to lead to a rise in the number of anti-suit injunctions sought in the English courts. In this article we consider the four main reasons why that is likely to be the case.

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

27 September 2021

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

The UK Bribery Act: A Perfect 10 or an uninspired 5/10?

1 July 2021

From its conception, the UK Bribery Act 2010, which came into force on 1 July 2011, presented itself as a radical and comprehensive overhaul of UK anti-bribery and corruption law. So, a decade on, what does the score card look like?

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

10 May 2021

With the adoption of the National Securities & 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.

Establishment of new freeports in England

29 April 2021

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

Postponement of post-Brexit border checks in Great Britain

23 March 2021

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

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

7 January 2021

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

