

Supply Chain Resilience

Supply chain transparency and resilience is a critical part of doing business in today's global economy. Supply chains are coming under increased geopolitical and economic pressures, as well as rapidly changing legal and regulatory environments. These pressures include political demands for near-shoring and friend-shoring, tariff protection, rapidly expanding export control and economic sanctions restrictions, forced labor restrictions, ESG compliance, and the need for digital transformation to better manage supply chain issues. The supply chain environment also presents critical opportunities for tariff and tax preferences under trade agreements and other preference programs.

Effective supply chain management requires a holistic approach, including supply chain visibility and tracing, supplier and compliance management, quality assurance, risk assessment (including geopolitical risk), robust contract protections and diversity as a means to prepare for the unexpected.

Our team supports clients in building, maintaining, and monitoring in their supply chains and implementing systems for supply chain due diligence and opportunity spotting. We advise on transparency strategies, commercial and government contract drafting, dispute resolution, dealing with distressed suppliers, regulatory requirements across markets, communicating with regulators, and complying with new laws requiring increased transparency and documentation in supply chains.

Our Supply Chain lawyers have deep global experience in crafting custom solutions for cross-jurisdictional, multi-disciplinary, and industry-specific supply chain issues. We also have a market-leading Global Forced Labor team to help prevent, address, and mitigate potential adverse labor and environmental impacts and associated legal risks.

Examples of our experience

- Advising a multinational manufacturer of consumer goods on implementation of anti-corruption obligations in their distribution system and agreements.
- Advising a leading online food retailer on development of strategies to implement requirements of the EU UTP Directive.
- Assisting a pan-European hotel chain to identify modern slavery and trafficking risks within its business and supply chains, with focus on its use of sub-contracted and temporary labor.
- Advising Grifols S.A in connection with receipt of approval from CFIUS regarding a nearly \$1.0 billion investment in a U.S. subsidiary of Grifols.
- Providing SES S.A. with CFIUS advice in connection with its proposed acquisition of Intelsat S.A.. Also assisting with related filings submitted to the U.S. Department of State's Directorate of Defense Trade Controls pursuant to the ITAR and the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency pursuant to the NISPOM
- Advising foreign owned companies on the acquisition of cleared U.S. entities, including assisting with implementation of Foreign Ownership, Control, or Influence (FOCI) mitigation measures such as Special Security Agreements and Proxy Agreements.
- Advising a German food company on general compliance issues as well as ESG compliance, in particular on the implementation of the German Supply Chain Due Diligence Act
- Assisting U.S. and non-U.S. companies with successful applications for participation in the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) program.
- Advising a global telecommunications equipment manufacturer on the impact of complex U.S. export controls on semiconductors.

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