



How force majeure differs in the U.S., Europe, and China

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COVID-19 has had a grave impact on the energy industry, triggering delays and issues in the supply of both labor and materials. This article looks at the impact of the pandemic on supply chains and force majeure in the energy sector. Consider an overseas oil and gas major that notifies its U.S. suppliers it will not take delivery of cargoes because of the spread of COVID-19, and the drastic measures taken by its government. We examine the buyer's arguments from a U.S., French, German, and Chinese law perspective.

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