

UK Regulatory | International Trade and Investment

Operating in today's global marketplace means addressing a full range of international trade and investment matters: Navigating multilateral and regional trade agreements, addressing export and import control restrictions, litigating trade remedies cases, managing customs and border security issues, and complying with anti-corruption laws. The international legal landscape is so complex, organisations often confront a wide range of trade compliance and litigation issues across various jurisdictions.

Ours is one of the best UK trade and investment teams with over a decade of experience advising on all areas of international trade law in the UK. We are regularly called upon to comment on some of the most critical issues facing the UK market, including on key trade law issues relating to Brexit.

We advise on all aspects of trade law, from WTO law advice, to sanctions analysis arising our complex restricting transactions, UK customs litigation proceedings, import encryption controls, EU dual-use export control classification advice, screening compliance issues or foreign investment screening reviews in multijurisdictional transactional matters.

Our trade lawyers in London work seamlessly with colleagues in Brussels and Washington D.C. to provide exhaustive advice to our clients on all trade-related UK, EU, and U.S. rules. This allows us to offer a comprehensive coverage of the world's main markets, and deliver combined U.S., EU, and UK trade law advice which are crucial for our clients considering the extra-territorial reach of U.S. trade laws.

Combined with our integrated practice offering, we are at the forefront of all cutting-edge issues in the field of international trade and investment law, including Brexit trade counselling support; World Trade Organization (WTO) law guidance; UK/EU and Member State foreign direct investment screening rules; technical EU and UK customs matters (advisory and litigious); economic sanctions strategic advice; export controls laws; encryption controls; placement of products on the EU market; and EU dual-use export control classifications.

Examples of our UK experience

- The Department for International Trade (DIT) on the free trade agreement negotiations with Australia and New Zealand.
- Advising aerospace and defense clients with HM Government security classifications requirements and the handling of HM Government's information classified assets.
- Advising a major aerospace and defense client on all aspects on its compliance with UK export controls and customs compliance and self-disclosure obligations to the UK regulators.
- Secured a significant customs victory in the First Tier Tribunal for a consumer products manufacturer, against HM Revenue and Customs in regards to classification of composite goods.
- Advised a global pharmaceutical company on Brexit contingency planning, and legal issues arising out of trade barriers re-imposed between the EU and the UK.
- Advising a Swedish medical device manufacturer on UK export control laws, and EU customs law compliance and customs classification of parts and components in Europe.
- A major French private equity house on compliance with EU, UK, and French sanctions laws.
- Advised Mail.ru, a leading Russian internet and social media company, on the UK and EU trade law and sanctions matters in relation to its US\$200 million equity placing and a further US\$400 million debt offering of convertible bonds due in 2025.
- Advised Dell as lead foreign direct investment counsel on the sale of its IT security business RSA to Symphony Technology Group for US\$2.075 billion, in relation to the transfer of UK and Dutch security clearances held by certain employees in the context of the sale of the RSA business, and we also advised on List X company security accreditations and associated security requirements.

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An extremely strong team of very knowledgeable professionals, who go the extra mile.

Legal 500 UK, 2020

The team is very focused, both on technical issues and on client care.

Legal 500 UK 2020

The ability to blend US and European legislation into practical solutions is a key differentiator.

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International Trade Practice Group of the Year, *Law360 2020*

International Trade Law Firm of the Year, *Chambers, 2019*

Export Controls Law Firm of the Year, Europe - “Highly Commended”, *WorldECR Awards, 2017-2018*

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