

CUSTOMS AND BREXIT

5 - 9 October 2020

The Customs and Brexit week of our Annual Corporate Compliance Conference will start on 5 October 2020.

Our first session will focus on how the structure of supply chains may change as a result of the crisis caused by COVID-19. After the shocks of the past six months, businesses around the world are beginning to re-open their doors and, as part of this, may be considering how to redevelop their supply chains and make them more resilient going forward. In this session, our supply-chain specialists from London, Stockholm, Johannesburg, Mexico City and Ho Chi Minh City will discuss some of the key factors a business may need to consider when assessing whether to redevelop its supply chain and, if so, some of the options available to help build in resilience. As part of this discussion, our specialists will discuss some practical steps that businesses should consider when trying to spread their supply chain risk, and as well as some of the key hurdles from a customs perspective that can complicate supply chain diversification.

As the UK approaches the end of the Brexit transition period and finalises its new relationship with the EU, our London and European Brexit teams will discuss what this means for businesses operating between the diverging regimes in the second session of the week. We will be looking at the incoming customs procedures on both sides of the channel, the UK's independent trade remedies regime, and the actions that business should now be taking to ensure their supply chains are prepared for the post-Brexit world.

The third session for the week will involve a practical panel discussion of the current Global Customs Hot Topics for clients to be aware of. These topics will include global trade wars (with a focus on the US, China and the EU); an update on the new United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) replacing NAFTA; and EU customs valuations issues. We are delighted to be joined by colleagues from our Chicago, Mexico City, Hong Kong and Barcelona offices, who will explore the key real-world consequences of these hot topics and the subsequent practical steps that companies should be considering in response to these.

Both in the lead up to and during the week, we will be publishing a series of articles, blog posts and video blogs on our centralised Corporate Compliance Content Hub.

Agenda

Tuesday 6 October 2.00 - 3.00 pm BST	Diversifying Supply Chains
Wednesday 7 October 2.00 - 3.30 pm BST	Brexit Panel with Neil Feinson, Joint Deputy Director for Trade in Goods Trade Policy Group at the Department for International Trade and Sally Beggs, EU Exit Guidance, Legislation and Stakeholder, Customs and Borders Design at HMRC
Thursday 8 October 2.00 - 3.30 pm BST	Global Customs Hot Topics