

Brexit Webinar Series: International Trade and Competition



**Customs and Product
Regulation**

**Tuesday 26 January
3.30 - 4.30 pm GMT**

This session will discuss what the new arrangements mean for businesses trading goods between the UK and EU from January 2021. We will be looking at the new customs procedures on both sides of the channel and the actions that business should be taking to adapt their supply chains for the post-Brexit world and new FTA arrangements with countries across the globe. Concurrently, we will also address the product regulatory impacts for manufactured goods, economic operators and supply chain compliance, including the practical implications of the new UKCA (UK Conformity Assessed) marking and what businesses need to know as they manage this new system alongside the EU 'CE' conformity assessment regime.

Speakers:



Jenny Revis
Partner,
London



Graham Stuart
Partner,
London



**WTO and Trade
Remedies**

**Wednesday 27 January
3.30 - 4.30 pm GMT**

We will explore the new UK trade remedies regime post-Brexit and the practicalities of dealing with the newly-established Trade Remedies Authority in the UK. With the UK becoming an independent WTO member, businesses need to be attuned to what risks and opportunities this raises. We will introduce key remedies (and threats) that many UK businesses will be assessing more directly for the first time, uncovering what it means to trade on WTO or most favoured nation (MFN) terms and address what businesses need to know about the post-Brexit trade remedies policy and the mechanisms for initiating a dumping, subsidy and safeguarding investigation in the UK.

Speakers:



Pablo Bentes
Partner,
Geneva



Sunny Mann
Partner,
London



Sven Bates
Senior Associate,
London



Trade Sanctions & Export Controls

Thursday 28 January
3.30 - 4.30 pm GMT

During this session, we will review the impact of the UK becoming a third country from the EU from a trade sanctions and export controls perspective. We will review the impact and use of the UK Sanctions & Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 and secondary legislation which allows for the UK to impose unilateral sanctions post-Brexit, as well as addressing the need to manage risks arising from a diverging UK-EU sanctions regime, and an uptick in enforcement by OFSI. On Export Controls, we will assess the changes to the dual-use regulation in the UK post-Brexit, licensing and what divergence might look like longer-term.

Speakers:



Tristan Grimmer
Partner,
London



Ben Smith
Partner,
London



Merger Control

Tuesday 2 February
3.30 - 4.30 pm GMT

Post Brexit, and for the first time since the 1980s, the CMA will have jurisdiction over all mergers impacting the UK. It will be a standalone authority within Europe, sitting alongside the European Commission (and others) rather than the Commission having exclusive jurisdiction over the UK effects of more sizeable deals. Further, the CMA's jurisdictional test is expansive allowing it to review a wide range of transactions. Global transactions will therefore increasingly have to proactively consider a UK filing strategy to get deals done. Such strategies are even more important given the ambitious nature of the CMA to establish itself as a "cutting edge" regulator; the novel and arduous IEO regime in the UK; the low Phase 1 substantive threshold; and the increasing number of transactions which are referred to Phase II, subject to remedies blocked or withdrawn in the UK. Join us to discuss the practical implications of UK merger filings post Brexit on global transactions and what businesses really need to know to navigate this new world.

Speakers:



Werner Berg
Partner,
Brussels



Keith Jones
Partner,
London



Nicolas Kredel
Partner,
Dusseldorf



Eva Crook-Santner
Senior Associate,
London



UK / EU Competition and Consumer Protection Enforcement

Wednesday 3 February
11.00 am - 12.00 noon GMT

Our final session will deal with the impact of Brexit on UK and EU competition law and consumer protection. In this session we will be discussing what businesses need to know as they navigate the increasingly complex compliance landscape due to the emergence of parallel UK and EU competition and consumer protection legal frameworks. We will also focus on the CMA's enforcement powers and priorities in respect of UK competition and consumer protection matters, and how they might differ from those of the European Commission.

Speakers:



Kurt Haegeman
Partner,
Tokyo



Julia Hemmings
Partner,
London



James Robinson
Partner,
London



Mara Ghiorghies
Senior Associate,
London

