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Focus on Customs Compliance & Customs Value

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What about the updates this week?

In Customs, the EU and the UK are developing or implementing **Advanced Valuation Rulings (AVR)** or **Binding Valuation Decisions (BVD)** – as known in the EU). Contrary to popular belief, the Customs Value does not have to be the invoice price. Customs Value determination can be one of the more complicated elements of customs compliance, and it can be pretty tricky to correct value for customs purposes. So, the Advance Valuation Rulings provide legal certainty on the valuation method of goods you import into a country for three years. As always, we can help you determine that your valuation method is correct, and we will apply for AVR/BVDs for you.

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Three critical changes made the news in the UK last week: The Windsor Framework passed the Houses of Parliament Vote (and the EU Council) – we watched the debate in the Commons and summarised it (so you don't have to 😊).

The significant changes in the UK alcohol reform are next. [We dedicate a 10+ page summary paper and give you ten tips on how to prepare for these.](#)

Thirdly, many are asking: Will the Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) lose its independence? The Spring Budget Reform seems to indicate nothing less...we look at

We also cover the EU and US changes in customs, global trade, export controls and sanctions. A packed edition, as you can see.

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Have a great week



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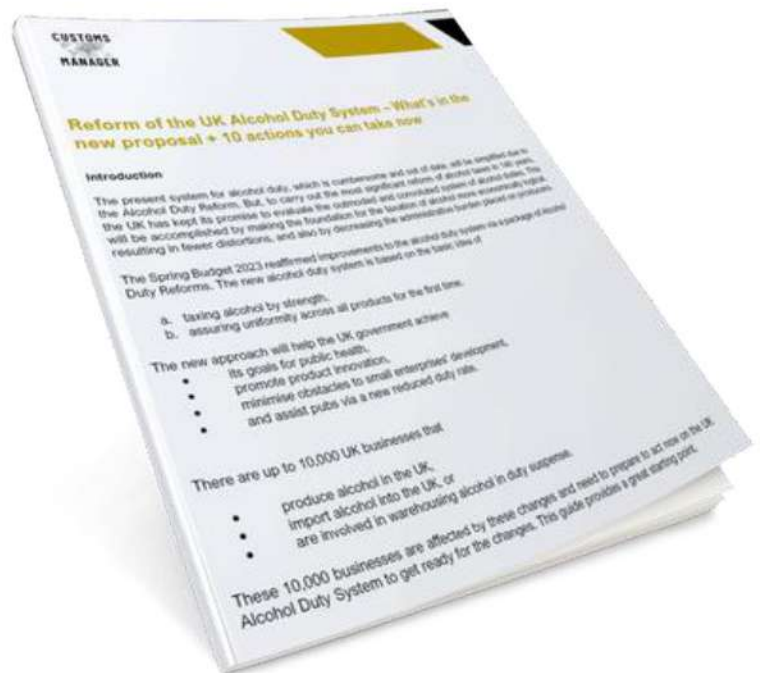
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Featured Highlight

Reform of the UK Alcohol Duty System – Read Our Summary Guide for Instant Download

A new measure changes the duty system for alcoholic products, establishing standard tax bands based on strength and introducing two new reliefs and a temporary easement for the wine industry. First, it changes prior methods for calculating Alcohol Duty with a consistent technique for all alcohol products, based on the litres of pure alcohol they contain, repeals old fundamental laws. Second, it replaces and expands Small Brewers Relief with Small Producer Relief (small enterprises that make qualified alcoholic beverages will be eligible for lower Alcohol Duty). Third, it brings Draught Relief to lessen the tax burden on items sold in on-trade venues like pubs. Finally, it offers 18-month transitional arrangements for qualified wine goods to handle the transition to the new Alcohol Duty calculation mechanism.



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- Why does alcohol excise duty matter?
- Excise Duty Goes Up from 1 August 2023 – but not for pub beer! Meet the “Brexit Pubs Guarantee”
- Top three changes of the UK Alcohol Duty System
- Impact on Northern Ireland
- What reforms will elements have a practical impact on my alcohol businesses?
- 10 Actions that businesses may have to take to prepare for the reform of the UK Alcohol Duty System

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European Union Updates

EU OJ - Reviewed this week

24/03/2023	L086 L087 L088	C109 C110
23/03/2023	L084 L085	C107 C108
22/03/2023	L083	C106
21/03/2023	L081 L082	C105
20/03/2023	L080 L080I	C103 C104
17/03/2023	L079	C101 C101A C102

European Court of Justice

- Judgment of the Court of 23 March 2023 in Case [C-412/21](#); Dual Prod SRL Vs. Direcția Generală Regională a Finanțelor Publice Cluj-Napoca - Comisia regională pentru autorizarea operatorilor de produse supuse accizelor armonizate. Re: Reference for a preliminary ruling - Excise duties - Directive 2008/118/EC - Article 16(1) - Authorisation to act as a tax warehouse for products subject to excise duty - Successive suspension measures - Criminal nature - Articles 48 and 50 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU - Principle of the presumption of innocence - Ne bis in idem principle – Proportionality Trade
- Opinion of Advocate General Maciej Szpunar of 23 March 2023 Case [C-180/22](#), Finanzamt Hamm Vs. Harry Mensing. Re: Reference for a preliminary ruling - Taxation - VAT - Directive 2006/112/EC - Articles 311 et seq. - Special schemes applicable to works of art - Margin scheme - Taxable persons - Resellers - Supplies of works of art by the author or his successors in title - Intra-Community transactions - Taxable amount - Tax paid in connection with an intra-Community acquisition

EU ADD, CVD Updates

Electric bicycles from China

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/591 of 16 March 2023 accepting a request for new exporting producer treatment concerning the definitive anti-dumping measures imposed on imports of electric bicycles originating in the People's Republic of China and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/73

[Link to Legislation](#)

Biodiesel from Argentina

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/592 of 16 March 2023 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/244 imposing a definitive countervailing duty on imports of biodiesel originating in Argentina

[Link to Legislation](#)

Hansol Group: Thermal Paper from Korea

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/593 of 16 March 2023 re-imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain lightweight thermal paper originating in the Republic of Korea as regards the Hansol Group and amending the residual duty

[Link to Legislation](#)

Other ADD-CVD law changes

- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) [2023/609](#) of 17 March 2023 re-imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of electric bicycles originating in the People's Republic of China as regards Giant Electric Vehicle (Kunshan) Co., Ltd following the judgment of the General Court in case T-242/19
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) [2023/610](#) of 17 March 2023 re-imposing a definitive countervailing duty on imports of electric bicycles originating in the People's Republic of China as regards Giant Electric Vehicle (Kunshan) Co., Ltd following the judgment of the General Court in case T-243/19
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) [2023/611](#) of 17 March 2023 amending Regulation (EC) No 88/97 on the authorisation of the exemption of imports of certain bicycle parts originating in the People's Republic of China from the extension by Council Regulation (EC) No 71/97 of the anti-dumping duty imposed by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2474/93
- Commission Implementing Decision (EU) [2023/617](#) of 17 March 2023 terminating the anti-subsidy proceeding concerning imports of fatty acid originating in Indonesia

BREXIT

EU agrees to Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland changes

- The political agreement in principle on the Windsor Framework includes a complete set of suitable measures to permanently solve the practical problems faced by people and businesses in Northern Ireland.
- The joint solutions deal with customs, agri-food, medicines, state aid, VAT, excise, governance, and engaging stakeholders. They also protect Northern Ireland's unique access to the EU single market.
- The EU has passed two directives:
 - First, as a member of the Joint Committee and Joint Consultative Working Group set up by the EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement, the EU has the right to accept the main points of the Windsor Framework in these two groups, making them legally binding obligations.
 - Second, the second Council decision gives the EU the right to agree with this change, making it more likely that the UK will be able to talk about its thoughts on EU activities in the Protocol, especially in light of the EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement.
- To carry out the agreement on behalf of the EU, the Commission has proposed three regulations covering sanitary and phytosanitary measures, human medical products, and tariff rate quotas. The European Parliament and Council need to agree to the plans.

[Council decision on EU position in the Joint Committee](#)

[Council decision on EU position in the Joint Consultative Working Group](#)

[The Windsor Framework \(European Commission, 27 February 2023\)](#)

[Press Release](#)

EU Trade Agreements & Trade Policy Updates

List of Duty-Free Products from ACP countries to EU

Download the most up-to-date List of products that can be brought into the European Union without paying customs duties if the MFN tariff is used and which can be subject to cumulation in the framework of certain Economic Partnership Agreements between the European Union and ACP countries

[Download the latest List](#)

Austria rejects EU-Mercosur FTA

Austria says that due to a formal resolution from the Austrian Parliament, Austria restates its objection to the Mercosur Agreement, which is backed by the law. Austria asked the European Commission to focus on a solid European agricultural output, an internal working market, and food security, especially during long-lasting and repeated crises. Austria stressed the importance of the reciprocity principle in trade agreements, which says that goods coming into the EU must be made under the same conditions as goods made in the Union. This is done to encourage fair competition. Austria stressed the importance of using the French idea of "mirror clauses" to ensure that EU manufacturing standards are met. Since the EU's economy is based on exports, it should focus on making fair and balanced bilateral trade deals.

[Read the official argument](#)

Generalised Scheme of Preferences Plus (GSP+) and new blasphemy law in Pakistan

On 17 January 2023, the National Assembly of Pakistan passed the Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill. Its specific purpose is to increase the punishment of imprisonment from 3 to 10 years for insulting figures of Islam, specifically the family members of the prophet Muhammad. As a beneficiary of the EU's GSP+ programme, Pakistan is bound by several international conventions protecting the freedom of expression and the freedom of religion or belief, such as the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. Therefore, MEPs asked the EU Commission:

1. Does the Commission agree that the new legislation is another example of Pakistan's reluctance to comply with its obligations under the GSP+ arrangement and with international law in general?
2. Can the Commission confirm that this new development will be a significant evaluation factor in the ongoing biennial review of Pakistan as a GSP+ beneficiary?
3. Does the Commission agree that this development is yet another reason to consider the temporary withdrawal of Pakistan's GSP+ status, as requested by Parliament in its resolution of 29 April 2021?

The answer was given by High Representative/Vice-President Borrell I Fontelles on behalf of the European Commission

“The Bill referred to in the question is still a draft under consideration by the Pakistani legislature and has not been adopted. The European Commission and the European External Action Service will continue to follow further developments. On several occasions with various Pakistani interlocutors, the EU express their deep concerns about violating the freedom of expression, the release of religion or belief and the rights of persons belonging to minorities. Accordingly, authorities are repeatedly asked to take determined action against the misuse of the Blasphemy Law in official dialogues and informal exchanges. The EU also works on these issues through the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights”.

EU Biosecurity, SPS and Official Controls Updates

New ASF measures

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/594 of 16 March 2023 laying down special disease control measures for African swine fever and repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/605

[Access legislation directly](#)

EU on FAO’S ideas for food security for all

The EU has set its priorities for an effective Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) to ensure a sustainable future and food security for all

[Read the official statement](#)

Ongoing infringements regarding fruit and vegetable imports from Türkiye

MEP question:

The Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF) has registered 578 alerts regarding excessive pesticide levels in imported fruit and vegetables, with 50.52% of rejected produce coming from Türkiye[1]. Further to my question E-000653/2022 of January 2022 on this matter, the Commission replied that some products from Türkiye were listed in Annexes I and II to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 and were subject to specific conditions and more intensive controls.

- Can the Commission say what measures it plans to take in response to the findings of the latest annual report by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) regarding the effectiveness of pesticide checks on fruit and vegetables imported into the EU, especially from Türkiye?
- Given Türkiye’s repeated infringements of the Regulation, what steps will it take to address the problem and tighten existing regulatory framework provisions?

[Answer by EU Commission](#)

The European textile sector and environmental responsibility

Q&A MEP vs EU Commission on BATs in the textile industry

On 20 December 2022, the Commission published the best available techniques (BATs) for the textile sector. These BATs highlight the industry's significant impact on global pollution levels and identify areas for improvement. While these BATs primarily focus on water consumption – particularly substantial in the textile industry – other regions have not been covered in as much detail. However, the sector is also known for using potentially dangerous chemicals and unsustainable raw materials. For example, certain raw textile materials, such as cotton, are cultivated intensively and may require chemical fertilisers and pesticides. In addition, certain fabrics (such as polyester and nylon) are made from non-renewable raw materials (petroleum).

In this context,

1. What steps will the Commission take to encourage more responsible use of raw materials and chemicals in this sector?
2. Given that the European textile industry is a niche sector highly vulnerable to foreign competition are these BATs and the rules laid down in the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive appropriate?

[What did the Commission reply?](#)

German Export Control

General German Licences validity prolonged

BAFA announces that general permit no. 12 to no. 17 and no. 30 will be extended until March 31, 2024. General Permits No. 18 to No. 28 are extended until 09/30/2023. According to BAFA, there are currently no changes to the content. However, the Federal Office points out that the content of the general approvals mentioned is subject to change before March 31, 2024, or September 30, 2023.

[All information about the general permits can be found on the BAFA website under this link.](#)

Updated Export Licences Manual (March 2023)

the Export Licences, License Codes, and Electronic Depreciation Guide have been updated. The manual is available in version 11.1 (as of March 3, 2023). The handbook provides information on the online registration and online write-off of exports that require a license and provides an overview of the license codes relevant to foreign trade law in the export sector. Technically appropriate changes compared to the previous edition are marked in italics.

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United Kingdom Updates in Customs & Global Trade

Northern Ireland

We Watched It, So You Don't Have To: What happened in the House of Commons when lawmakers approved the Stormont Brake in the Windsor Framework – Our review

On March 22, MPs adopted the legislative measure enabling the NI administration to impose the "Stormont Brake". According to Downing Street, the vote was the last chance legislators got to express their views on the Windsor Framework.

The Details:

- In debate, it became clear that under the WF, the Northern Ireland Protocol continues to be in effect, subjecting the region to EU single market laws. So, the pause will allow Northern Irish Assembly members to reject any EU legislation that may otherwise be automatically approved there.
- If 30 MLAs (Members of the Legislative Assembly) from two or more parties sign a petition opposing a new EU law in the region, the UK could stop it from going into force.
- According to the BBC, this suspension would go into force no later than four weeks before an independent arbitration with the EU via the Joint Committee presiding over the deal.
- Parliamentarians passed the brake by a vote of 515 to 29.

The Arguments For the Stormont Brake:

- The brake was one of the "most crucial improvements" that PM Rishi Sunak had obtained in negotiations with the EU, according to Northern Ireland Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris, who also said that the framework would "bring prosperity to Northern Ireland."
- He said that earlier applications of the agreement permitted the territory to be subject to EU legislation without the assent of Northern Irish parliamentarians.
- But he clarified that all local government officials can now express their views at the Stormont Brake. In addition to giving MLAs a "consultative role," the minister said the break offered them a "strong capacity to obstruct the passage of amended EU regulations."

Due to the DUP's withdrawal from the executive in protest over the Protocol in February 2022, the devolved government in Northern Ireland has been dormant for more than a year in compliance with the power-sharing requirements of the Good Friday Agreement.

Key Highlights of the Debate:

- The accord was described as "real progress" by Peter Kyle, the shadow secretary for Northern Ireland.
- Yet, since they had been "distracted by rebellion and infighting," the Conservative Party needed Labour's support to enact the legislation.
- The agreement, he said, is an improvement even if it is not perfect, and "we will be voting in favour of it today in the interest of Northern Ireland and the rest of the UK."
- Kyle also questioned Conservative MPs who had initially backed the Protocol when it was originally brought before the House of Commons but had now opposed the rules implemented in Northern Ireland.

- Sir Jeffrey Donaldson, the head of the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), has already said that his party would vote against the brake of the government.
- How EU legislation is implemented in Northern Ireland is covered under the Stormont Agreement. It does not, however, address how we are addressing changes to UK law that would impact NI's ability to do business within the United Kingdom, he told BBC News NI.
- Nevertheless, he still pledged to continue working with the PM to address the party's concerns with the deal, particularly the ongoing application of EU standards and laws to goods intended just for Northern Ireland.

- ERG releases a thorough structure as well as a critique of the brake. Last week, a devastating assessment was produced by the European Research Group (ERG), a group of Conservative MPs who are staunch Brexit supporters.
- According to legal experts who spoke with the ERG, EU law "will remain important in the region."
- The Stormont Agreement, according to ERG chairman Mark Francois, is "practically useless," the Guardian reports.
- Francois questioned whether the break represented a veto in his speech to the House of Representatives, noting that independent arbitration did not necessarily result in the region's permanent resistance to new EU regulations.
- Heaton-Harris denied Francois' allegation, stating that it was a veto, that an arbitration process was in place, and that no cases would be brought to the European Court of Justice (ECJ).

- In an interview with The Guardian earlier this week, the former deputy Commons leader, Peter Bone, voiced his "unhappiness" with how the brake vote was handled as the MPs' last chance to voice their concerns on the larger framework.

Do we still need customs declarations under the Windsor Framework?

In February 2023, Sunak and Ursula von der Leyen, the vice president of the European Commission, adopted the Windsor Framework. By establishing a new "green" and "red lane" model on goods travelling from Great Britain to Northern Ireland and lowering the quantity of data that must be supplied for goods travelling only to Northern Ireland, the framework aims to lessen trade friction. Nonetheless, under a "red line," goods from the United Kingdom into the Republic of Ireland must still abide by general EU customs laws. DUP MP Ian Paisley questioned Heaton-Harris about whether customs declarations would still be required for British goods entering Northern Ireland. According to Heaton-Harris, a trusted trader service would be developed, which calls for 21 fields of data from trucks bringing goods into Northern Ireland. He said no certifications from veterinarians or other outside organisations would be required since these sections would "mostly auto-populate."

Reactions to the Windsor Framework

The new agreement between the EU and the UK, the Windsor Framework, modifies how the Northern Ireland Protocol functions. It comprises the implementation of the Withdrawal Agreement and a new system of inspections on goods travelling from Great Britain to Northern Ireland. Several legal tools, some of which include the EU-UK Joint Committee, will be used to carry it out. The Northern Ireland Protocol Bill, which would have prevented certain of the Protocol's provisions from being incorporated into UK law, has been abandoned by the UK and EU. The EU has also decided to cease pursuing legal action against the UK for failing to implement the Protocol fully. This includes a new "Stormont Brake" mechanism that gives the UK Government the power to prevent the adoption of updated or modified EU laws in the Joint Committee, an exemption for zero rates of VAT on the installation of energy-saving materials in immovable property, and the regulation of all medicines placed on the market in Northern Ireland by the UK regulator, the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA).

If Northern Ireland starts to deviate from EU goods regulations in a manner that affects their Single Market, the EU will also be allowed to take "necessary corrective measures." A panel of attorneys examined the framework at the request of the pro-Brexit European Research Group (ERG) of Tory MPs, and the lawyers' evaluation was unfavourable. However, Sinn Féin, Alliance, the Social Democratic and Labour Party, and Ulster Unionists, four political parties in Northern Ireland, have all said that they accept the framework in general but have doubts about the Stormont Brake's viability.

The Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) has said that it would only take new agreements if they pass seven criteria, including the absence of an Irish Sea border between Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the elimination of border inspections on goods travelling in either way. In addition, the EU and UK-EU Joint Committee will need to enact legislation that the European Parliament and the EU Council in areas including pharmaceuticals, inspections of animals and plants, and medicines must approve.

Also, the EU Council approved two EU Council Resolutions to provide the EU's stance when adopting the Decision and Recommendations required to implement the Windsor Framework legal power. The EU-UK Joint Committee convened on March 24, 2023, to approve the suggestions and judgements to implement some of the frameworks.

UK House Of Commons: New Research Paper on Windsor Framework

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WF: UK comments on two EU Council Decisions on changes to NI Protocol

For the EU to implement the collection of policies that form the foundation of the Windsor Framework, this proposal needs the support of the European Council. Here is a detailed explanation of them.

[Download the UK analysis of the EU Council Decisions on the WF](#)

UK ADD, CVD Changes

Will the Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) lose its independence?

Are you affected by trade remedy investigations and reviews? Then listen up! The UK proposes to amend the current trade remedies law and change the Trade Remedies Authority (TRA). It will provide the government more latitude in making choices on trade remedy measures supported by the available data. The Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) is investigating whether new trade remedies are required to stop harm to the UK industry by unfair trading practices and unanticipated import surges.

These provisions allow the UK government to

- to request the TRA to reevaluate a recommendation or decision to terminate an investigation when there is cause to do so,
- apply a different remedy than that recommended by the TRA,
- provide alternative options within its recommendation
- to require the TRA to notify the government before beginning new investigations.

As a result, the TRA will only have an independent analytical function.

This is a power grab which will allow Ministers more discretion in making. It should continue to enable the UK to protect its interests against unfair trading practices and import spikes, but will it after the reform?

The UK says the amendment will preserve the independence of the TRA as an investigative agency while giving Ministers more discretion when deciding on trade remedy cases that are in the public interest. The primary changes brought about by these provisions will begin in the fall of 2023, and the secondary laws will be introduced. The provision requiring the TRA to notify the Secretary of State at critical junctures in dumping, subsidisation, and safeguarding investigations is anticipated to have a negligible fiscal impact, no discernible macroeconomic impact, and limited effects on people, households, and families who are not involved in trade remedies investigations.

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UK Customs Updates

What are Advance Valuation Rulings?

The new legislation will enable HMRC to grant Advance Valuation Rulings to customers importing goods into the UK. Advance Valuation Rulings are written decisions made by customs authorities at a trader's request that are legally binding on both parties. They are trade facilitation and are not mandatory. They will give customers certainty on arriving at the customs value for their goods. The customs value impacts the amount of duty that may be due. Advance Valuation Rulings will, in turn, assist customers in completing customs declarations.

The government has thought about new customs regulations to aid merchants and pave the way for new trade deals after the UK exited the EU. This action is being taken in time for the UK to join the

CPTPP. With this measure, HMRC can provide Advance Valuation Rulings (AVRs) to clients bringing goods into the UK.

AVRs are written judgements issued by customs officials at a merchant's request that are legally binding on both sides. They are optional and serve to facilitate commerce. Thanks to them, customers will have confidence in how the customs value for their products will be calculated. The potential duty payment depends on the customs value. In turn, AVRs will help clients complete customs declarations.

With advance rulings, businesses may get a legally binding judgement from customs officials before shipping, assuring how their products will be handled and the potential impact of any duty assessed.

The UK now provides advanced judgements on tariff classification and the country of origin of products but not on customs value. This is due to the EU's lack of support for customs value judgements. But customs officials all across the globe supply them liberally.

The new AVR service will further the government's goal of providing UK merchants with a cutting-edge digital customs service.

AVRs will also help the UK support its accession to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) and fulfil the conditions of future Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) (CPTPP).

Section 24 of the TCTA 2018 will be amended by legislation in the Spring Budget Bill 2023 to incorporate customs value. Like present rules, Section 24 would provide the procedure by which a customer may request an Advance Valuation Ruling for certain items imported into the UK by Notice having the force of law. Once issued, the ruling decision will legally bind the customer and HMRC for the stated items and scenario for three years, subject to cancellation or a withdrawal of the judgement.

Contact us for all matters ATR, AOR and AVR. We can help!

UK Trade Agreement Update

UK to cut all customs duty and sign a new digital trade deal with Ukraine as part of enhanced support

The UK today signed a pivotal digital trade deal with Ukraine that will support the country's economy and greatly enhance the trade and investment relationship. In addition, the UK confirmed its intention to extend the removal of tariffs on Ukrainian products until March 2024. This follows the UK's world-leading decision in May 2022 to cut taxes on all goods from Ukraine to zero and will provide much-needed support to Ukrainian businesses, given the impact of the war on Ukraine's ability to export goods.

[Access Press Release](#)
[Agreement Explainer](#)

Trade Update: UK-Gulf Cooperation Council FTA

The third round of negotiations for a free trade agreement (FTA) between the UK and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) occurred between 12 and 16 March. The round was hosted by GCC in Riyadh and held in a hybrid fashion. Several UK negotiators across the Government travelled to Riyadh for in-person discussions, and others attended virtually. Draft treaty text was advanced across the majority of chapters. Technical meetings were held across 13 policy areas over 30 sessions. Good progress was made, and both sides remain committed to securing an ambitious, comprehensive, modern agreement fit for the 21st century. An FTA will be a substantial economic opportunity and a significant moment in the UK-GCC relationship. Government analysis shows that, in the long run, a deal with the GCC is expected to increase trade by at least 16%, add at least £1.6 billion a year to the UK economy and contribute an additional £600 million or more to the UK. The fourth round of negotiations is expected to be hosted by the UK later this year.

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UK CDS Update

CDS stands for Customs Declaration Service. It is the e-customs system of the UK. We can help you file customs declarations in the UK and offer extensive brokerage services with built-in customs compliance. We are there if you want a new partner for filing customs declarations.

Report a problem using the Customs Declaration Service

Find out what to do if you receive an error code whilst submitting a declaration using the Customs Declaration Service.

[Access More Information](#)

Northern Ireland Protocol CDS Tariff Guide updated

Part 2 CDS Declaration Completion Requirements for the Northern Ireland Protocol has been updated to include more information for the use of Northern Ireland Additional Information Codes NIIMP, NIDOM and NIREM

[Access details here](#)

CDS changes this week

Here are the changes for CDS this week announced by Gov. uk

- Data Element 2/3 (Appendix 5A):
 - Data Element (DE) 2/2 of the customs declaration or clearance request (Appendix 4). Appendix 4B has been updated with new and amended AI Codes. ECONR is only usable on imports, and the requirement for a vehicle ID has been removed from RRS01. New AI Codes GENDG, GENHV, GENLA, GENMG, and GENSG have been added.
 - New columns have been added for Document ID and Document Reason to show if completion is mandatory, conditional or not applicable. A few document codes will incorrectly mandate Document ID, and Document Reason is always declared. This will be corrected on a future CDS release but must be complied with. Completion requirements for C517, C518 and C519 were amended to show the requirement is to declare the warehouse authorisation rather than the warehouse ID. Document status code requirements for A030, C019, C082, C083, C085, C516, C601, C640, C673, C678, N002, N851, N853, N990, U178, Y006, Y007, Y990 and Y992 have been updated
 - New columns have been added for Document ID and Document Reason to show if completion is mandatory, conditional or not applicable. Unfortunately, a few document codes will incorrectly mandate Document ID, and Document Reason is always declared. This will be corrected on a future CDS release but must be complied with.
 - In Data Element 5/23, to identify the location where the goods may be declared for export at a designated export place (DEP) (Appendix 16K), the DEP codes GBAUBRFMANXCJ and GBAULAILONXAM have been removed.

UK VAT Changes

Updates on VAT appeals

Access the Up-to-date List of VAT appeals that HMRC has lost or partly lost that could have implications for other businesses.

[Access latest list](#)

VAT fraud: HMRC updates the List of offenders

Access the latest version of the List of people penalised for their involvement in transactions associated with VAT fraud. HMRC can publish

- the names of traders who have been charged a penalty in respect of a transaction connected with VAT fraud
- the names of company officers who are personally liable to pay a company's penalty
- The law that allows this is section 69E Value Added Tax Act 1994.

They can only publish a trader's name where the VAT at stake in their transactions exceeds £50,000. However, we can issue a company officer's name where the penalty they are personally liable to pay is more than £25,000. They publish enough information to identify the trader or officer and the number of fines. They publish this information once these penalties are final. A sentence becomes final on either the:

- day after the end of the appeal period if the person does not make an appeal
- date when a request is finally determined

[Access latest list](#)

Details of deliberate tax defaulters

The current List of people who deliberately got their tax affairs wrong. HMRC publish details of deliberate tax defaulters, and these are people who have received penalties either for:

- intentional errors in their tax returns
- deliberately failing to comply with their tax obligations
- The law that allows this is section 94 Finance Act 2009.

We may publish information about a deliberate tax defaulter where:

- we have carried out an investigation, and the person has been charged one or more penalties for willful defaults
- those penalties involve tax of more than £25,000

Their information will not be published if the person earns the maximum penalty reduction by fully disclosing the default details.

HMRC will publish enough information to identify the following:

- deliberate tax defaulter
- penalties imposed for their willful defaults
- amount of tax on which those penalties are for

A penalty becomes final on either of the:

- day after the end of the appeal period if the person does not make an appeal
- date when a request is finally determined
- date when a contract settlement is made

[Access the updated List of deliberate tax defaulters here](#)

UK Biosecurity & Veterinary Affairs (incl. trade in fish) Update

2023 Report on UK fishing opportunities

Methodology and assessment of the economic and sustainability outcomes of the negotiations on total allowable catches (TACs) and quotas.

[Download Report](#)

UK Seafood Fund

Please find out about the aims of the UK Seafood Fund, what funding is available, and how to apply for it.

[Read about the UK Seafood Fund](#)

Consultation on the principles of marine net gain

The consultation sets out the proposals and seeks views on the principles of marine net gain.

[Access consultation](#)

Exporting or moving live fish and shellfish

Find out how to export live fish, molluscs and crustaceans for farming, ornamental, or any other purpose except direct human consumption. Guidance page has had an annual review and has been updated.

[Access the Guidance](#)

Importing or moving live fish and shellfish

Find out how to import live fish, molluscs and crustaceans for farming, ornamental, or any other purpose except direct human consumption. Text amended to include the Aquatic Animal Health (England and Wales) Regulations 2009 statement.

[Access the Guidance](#)

Various model health certificates are accepted until 17 September 2023.

Poultry Health certificate template GBHC074E version 3.0 and GBHC074X version 3.1, certificate GBHC007X for bovine germinal and Version 3.1 of the meat products certificate GBHC127X should be used and are accepted until 17 September 2023.

Bird flu: rules on meat produced from poultry originating in disease control zones

Rules food businesses should follow for any meat produced from poultry or farmed game birds originating within a disease control zone. Updated the table of critical dates.

[Access Details](#)

A single case of atypical BSE confirmed on a farm in Cornwall

Atypical Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) has been established on a farm.

[Find Out Details](#)

New Genetic Technology Act essential tool for UK food security

New legislation unlocks vital technologies to improve UK food security, reduce pesticide use, and enhance crop climate resilience.

[Access the Press Release](#)

Businesses approved to export to the EU

Use the lists to check if your business in Great Britain or one of the Crown Dependencies is approved to export to the EU and determine your TRACES number. Updated the lists of companies approved to export to the EU.

[Access the List](#)

UK Export Control Update

Crown exemption for c military list equipment and technology owned by the UK MOD

Exemptions from export and trade control licences for controlled military goods owned by the Crown

[Access More Information](#)

Course: Prohibitions, Restrictions & Licences (includes Export Controls & Sanctions)

Thu, 06 Apr | Virtual Training Event

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UK Sanctions

New sanction designations, Iran (human rights)

Iran is currently subject to UK financial sanctions. This document contains a current list of designated persons relating to human rights violations. HM Treasury Notice, Iran (Human Rights), 20/03/2023 added

New sanctions designations, Global Anti-Corruption

UK financial sanctions are in place for persons involved in serious corruption or linked to those interested in serious corruption. This document provides a current list of designated persons. HM Treasury Notice, Global Anti-Corruption, 22/03/2023, added

Russia sanctions: Updated Guidance

Guidance on Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019. Guidance added a licencing ground for professional and business services for critical energy supply.

New sanctions designations, Russia

The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 ensure that sanctions relating to Russia are implemented effectively. HM Treasury Notice, Russia, 22/03/2023 added

Sanctions: Trust services

Details of Trust Service sanctions added to guidance

Financial sanctions: Guidance

Information on the approach OFSI takes to financial sanctions, including sector and regime-specific guidance and information on monetary penalties for breaches of economic sanctions.

Changes to OFSI General Licences

Details of General Licences issued by OFSI: Wind down of Trust Services provided to Designated Persons INT/2023/2589788 added

UK Money Laundering Update

Which UK businesses are not complying with money laundering regulations?

Access the updated List of the companies that have not met their obligations under the 2017 regulations. As a supervisor of the Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds (Information on the Payer) Regulations 2017, which came into effect on 26 June 2017, HMRC must publish details of businesses that do not comply with the regulations. The broadcast address is the one of the company or individual registered with HMRC for anti-money laundering supervision. HMRC will also publish the total number and value of penalties issued under the 2007 regulations for the period. Please note that this information refers to civil rules breaches, not criminal offences. In addition, you can read guidance about penalties and appeals.

[Access The Updated List Here](#)

What are the Money Laundering Regulations 2017?

Watch a [recorded webinar about the Money Laundering Regulations 2017 — what you need to know from HMRC](#).

This webinar covers what's changed with the money laundering regulations. We will look at the following:

- the background to the Money Laundering Regulations 2017
- new requirements for businesses
- what's changed for businesses by sector

How to manage money laundering and financing risks to you and your business?

Watch a [recorded webinar about managing money laundering and financing risks to you and your business](#). This webinar is aimed at enterprises covered by money laundering regulations. We will look at the following:

- what the money laundering regulations say about risk assessment
- what businesses need to do about identifying and assessing risk

We will also give some valuable tips and points to be aware of.

How to spot suspicious activity for money laundering

Watch a [recorded webinar about suspicious activity reports finding tips and guidance on improving the quality of your reports](#).

You will find out the following:

- how to make suspicious activity reports to the National Crime Agency
- what happens to those reports
- how to improve the quality of your reports

Money Laundering: Fit and proper test and approval processes

Watch a [recorded webinar about the fit and accurate test and approval processes](#) for responsible people in your business to find out about:

- the fair and proper test and approval processes
- who has to follow these processes
- when you need to take action

Money Laundering: Making a Risk Assessment

Watch a [recorded webinar about making a risk assessment for your business](#) to find out what:

- the money laundering regulations say about risk assessment
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US Customs

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[Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism \(CTPAT\)
2023 TFCS Summit Agenda](#)

US Trade & FTA Policy

Focus on Latin and South America

When the Biden administration recently unveiled a new drive to expand commercial and economic collaboration with South America, essential senators also advocated similar connections. The United States officially unveiled the Americas Partnership for Economic Development in January. The APEP will focus on ending forced Labour, enhancing supply chain resilience, promoting innovation, and battling climate change. The first members of APEP will include Barbados, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Peru, and Uruguay; however, it could be expanded later. House Ways and Means Committee Chair Jason Smith, R-Mo., made it plain earlier this month that he would continue to prioritise expanding US trade with Latin America by leading a congressional delegation to three countries in the region.

Smith praised Mexico for taking the required steps to honour its part of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement by barring imports made using forced Labour and emphasised: "the role Mexico may continue to play in reshoring critical supply chains from China to North America." But, he also urged Mexico to strengthen its efforts to secure its border with the United States and respect its duties under the USMCA in other sectors, including energy and biotechnology, which are the subject of US enforcement measures.

During the delegation's stay, Smith focused on assisting Ecuador in "fighting China's rising influence in the region." Smith said he expressed his worries to President Guillermo Lasso on "Ecuador's growing commercial links with China." According to Smith, Ecuador's import licence system and variable tariffs "make it incredibly difficult for American farmers, particularly cattle and pig producers, to export to Ecuador."

On a related note, last week, the U.S. Senate received a proposal to let Ecuador be recognised as a beneficiary country under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act.

The delegation also went to Guyana, where Smith emphasised the need to "outcompete China" and help the neighbouring countries to reduce their exposure to the Asian giant once again.

Smith said that because Guyana is "experiencing a substantial boom in offshore oil production" in which China is participating, "highlighted how America might lead the way in developing, producing, and exporting Guyanese oil" to "help thwart China's ambitions to acquire energy dominance."

What's In the US-Taiwan Trade Agreement for US Businesses?

The U.S. Trade Representative has summarised U.S. agreement texts from the first negotiating round of the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade.

U.S.-Taiwanese negotiators exchanged texts with an emphasis on trade facilitation in the following way:

Highlights as regards Customs facilitations

- Posting all import, export, and transit rules, regulations, processes, and customs forms online.
- Risk-assessing pre-arrival information via a single window to promptly release things that fulfil regulatory conditions.
- Lowered express consignment limitations and cross-border returns
- prohibited cross-border shipping consular transactions
- duties, taxes, and fees that must be paid electronically at borders.
- Enforcement collaboration to ensure legal commerce and eradicate illegal trade and other customs offences

What's in it for SMEs

- Exchanging expertise and best practices on SME participation in international trade, capital and credit access, training programmes, trade education, trade finance, trade missions, and trade facilitation.
- Supporting women, indigenous, youth, and minority-owned businesses, start-ups, and agricultural and rural SMEs.
- online, public information for U.S. and Taiwanese SMEs selling, investing, or conducting business (e.g., customs regulations and procedures, technical regulations, foreign investment regulations, business registration procedures, intellectual property rights, etc.)

- weekly SME discussion on small business trade opportunities and restrictions between the two countries

Commitment to good governance

- posting draught regulations and allowing ample feedback
- stakeholder opportunity to request rule issuance, modification, or repeal with technical, informational, or standard modifications
- online law registries and regulatory authority procedures

Anti-Corruption measures

- criminalising official public bribery, embezzlement, and money laundering
- accounting to prevent corruption
- non-deductible bribes
- seized corrupt assets
- corruption reporting and external auditor protection
- general official training, transparency, accountability, conflict of interest and corruption reporting.
- Removing corrupt officials

If you wish to know more, get in touch.

US Export Controls

32 Entities are restricted from export and added to Unverified List (UCL)

A final rule from the Bureau of Industry and Security that becomes effective on March 24 adds 32 foreigners to the Unverified List. In all other countries, there are seven of them, 14 in China, five in the UAE, four in Turkey, two in Germany, one in Bulgaria, Canada, Indonesia, Israel, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, and Singapore, respectively and two in the UAE.

Moreover, exporters, exporters, and transferors of commodities to these individuals are covered by the Export Administration Rules. However, they do not need a licence must receive (and maintain a record of) a UVL statement from them to complete the transaction. In addition, all exports of tangible goods covered by the EAR must provide electronic export information to the Automated Export System when these parties are involved in the transaction.

The UVL lists the names and addresses of foreign parties whose bona fides—i.e., legitimacy and dependability concerning the end-use and end-user of goods subject to the EAR—BIS was unable to verify through an end-use check, for instance, the foreign party cannot be located at the address listed on export documents, or a recognisably foreign party is involved during an inspection. In addition, if there is insufficient data to designate a person as an organisation, BIS may include them in the UVL.

Before implementing this rule, shipments to a UVL-listed person currently on the dock for loading, in a lighter, loaded aboard an exporting carrier, or in transit aboard a carrier to a port of export following actual orders may still be eligible the prior licence exception. However, such goods shall be subject to the provisions of Section 744.15 of the EAR following this rule if such products are not, in fact, exported, reexported, or transferred (in-country) by midnight on April 22.

Report On China: How China's Growth Can Help the US not Hinder It – Our Summary

New research claims that "Beijing's activities create a potential to boost U.S. interests in many ways," allaying worries about China's economic pressure.

According to the report, China's economy has grown along with its use of economic coercion, defined by one source as "a government's threat or act to disrupt economic involvement with a target state unless it accedes to an articulated demand."

To maintain its territorial integrity, economic security, or internal political legitimacy, the research claims that China uses economic coercion against smaller economies and in circumstances when it has an asymmetric advantage.

After a dispute over disputed islands, tighter controls on Japanese imports, restrictions on the importance of goods from South Korea after that country installed U.S. air defence systems, the forced closure of Korean-owned stores, and essentially imposing an embargo on Lithuania after it allowed Taiwan to open a government office in its capital.

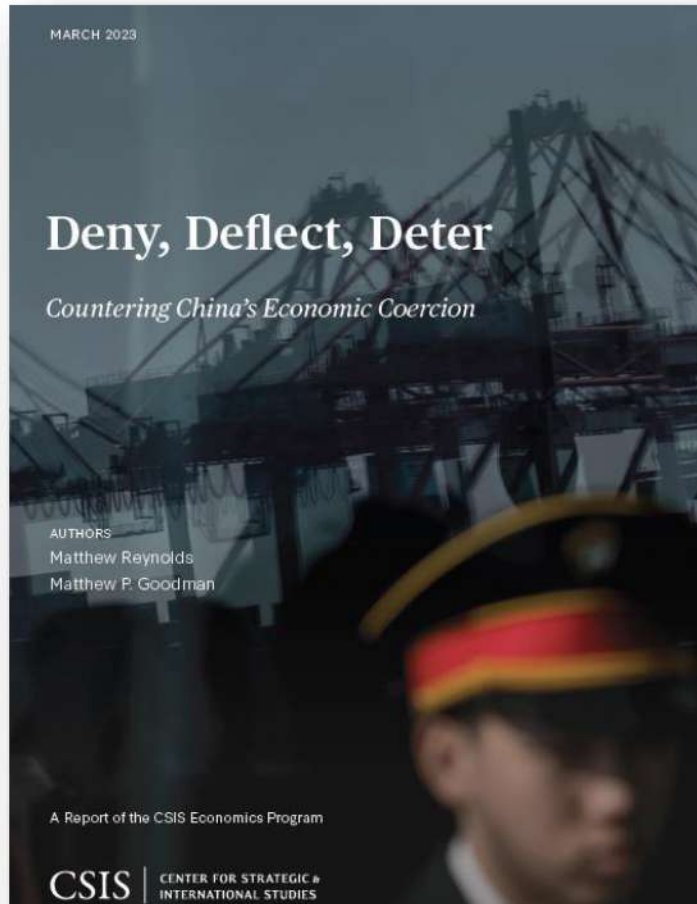
According to the paper, "China's economic coercion's most obvious feature is that it is just not very effective."

Moreover, the research claims that Beijing employs this tactic "has a poor track record of meeting its immediate policy targets and, when it does, it often has long-term repercussions for China."

China may provide advantages to the U.S.

The report claims that Beijing's aggression has harmed China's reputation abroad and brought nations closer to the US.

Moreover, it fosters the idea that China is an untrustworthy trade partner, leading some companies and friends to modify their supply chains.



The research suggests that the United States should **react to China's economic pressure** instead of seeking retribution by emphasising adaptability and helping the affected nations. The latter may be more "immediately gratifying." However, escalating the threat can tempt weaker nations to submit and "might deprive the United States of the diplomatic moral high ground."

According to the report, both proactive policies that strengthen weak economies against Chinese economic coercion through economic diversification and closer ties with the United States and reactive policies that provide targeted assistance to those countries to speed up market adjustments are "more likely to mitigate and, over time, deter, China's problematic behaviour by decreasing its likelihood of success."

In a recent Congressional Research Service study, it was also recommended to "leverage the strength of the market" to take advantage of the United States comparative advantage.

According to this strategy, free trade agreements should be negotiated to provide "meaningful market access to friends and partners."

The Biden administration, however, has ignored FTAs in favour of trade-focused programmes and frameworks that address various related problems without decreasing tariffs.

The report also urges Beijing to support WTO proceedings against Washington and for supply chain resilience measures to have the explicit goal of avoiding economic coercion by China.

Whether the White House has or is developing an anti-coercion policy is unknown. Congress, though, seems to be enthusiastic. H.R. 1135, which allows the President the power to react to economic pressure by increasing import taxes on aggressor nations and dropping them on non-import-sensitive items from target countries, was submitted by the House of Representatives in February.

The President may also expedite the licencing and regulatory procedures for exports and relax policy constraints to increase export funding and ease commerce with certain nations.

[Download the Full Report Here](#)

US Sanctions

Sanctions implementation will be prioritised

"Sanctions are the new Foreign Corrupt Practices Act", stated deputy solicitor general Lisa Monaco earlier this month, as the Department of Justice intensified its use of economic penalties and export restrictions. Monaco said corporate crime and national security "interact to a degree never seen before" in today's volatile geopolitical climate. "Doubling down on the effective tactics we have deployed to target cyber and crypto crime" to "retool to meet that challenge," the DOJ has expanded employees and resources in the National Security Division.

Monaco said the NSD would hire more than 25 prosecutors as part of "major reorganisation and resource guarantees" to investigate and prosecute sanctions evasion, export control breaches, and related economic crimes. In addition, according to reports, the division's first corporate enforcement head counsel has been appointed.

The NSD expects to issue an ongoing series of joint advisories with the Commerce and Treasury to alert businesses about enforcement trends and the DOJ's expectations for compliance with national security legislation. For example, on March 2, the first caution warned against utilising third-party intermediaries or transshipment destinations to circumvent Russia and Belarus export restrictions.

Monaco said the NSD will "work closely with U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division to employ enforcement approaches that have proved their utility in other parts of the department" as it "expands its capacity to investigate and prosecute corporate sanctions violations."

The DOJ has tried to "enable firms to operate ethically by investing in compliance, culture, and good corporate citizenship." USAOs follow the norm that "no government component would pursue a guilty plea if a corporation had voluntarily self-disclosed, cooperated, and remediated the misbehaviour." The department encourages voluntary self-disclosure. The DOJ is also piloting incentive programmes to encourage compliance, such as decreasing fines for firms seeking restitution from corporate wrongdoers.

Monaco said the DOJ "empowers our prosecutors to hold responsible those who don't respect the law." The Criminal Division's Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section's Bank Integrity Unit, which "has an established track record of pursuing global financial institutions for sanctions breaches," will get significant DOJ financing.

Burma Sanctions

The Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is amending and reissuing the Belarus Sanctions Regulations. [This regulatory amendment](#) is currently available for public inspection with the Federal Register and will take effect upon publication in the Federal Register on March 27, 2023. OFAC also publishes an [alert, "Sanctions Risks Associated with Provision of Jet Fuel to the Burmese Military."](#)

[Treasury Sanctions Jet Fuel Suppliers and Military Cronies in Burma before Armed Forces Day](#)

Treasury Targets Belarusian Enterprises, Government Officials, and Lukashenka's Aircraft

Today, the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is designating three entities and nine individuals and identifying one presidential aircraft as blocked property, according to executive Order (E.O.) 14038. These designations build on sanctions imposed on individuals and entities in Belarus in response to the ongoing brutal crackdown against the pro-democracy movement and civil society surrounding the fraudulent August 2020 presidential election. These actions also underscore the United States' willingness to hold the regime in Minsk to account for its complicity in the Russian Federation's ongoing unjustified war of choice against Ukraine.

[Press Release](#)

[Click here for more information on the individuals, entities, and aircraft sanctioned.](#)

Treasury Continues to Sanction Procurement Networks for Iran's UAV and Weapons Programs

OFAC designated four entities and three individuals in Iran and Turkey for their involvement in the procurement of equipment, including European-origin engines of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) in support of Iran's UAV and weapons programs. This procurement network operates on behalf of Iran's Ministry of Defense and Armed Forces Logistics (MODAFL), which oversees several firms involved in UAV and ballistic missile development.

[Press Release](#)

[Click here for more information on the individuals and entities sanctioned.](#)

Supportive Documents

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Northern Ireland

[Our Explainer Guide for Northern Ireland \(incl. Windsor Framework\) – March 2023](#)

[Customs Manager's Webinar on Windsor Framework - SLIDES \(March 2023\)](#)

[House of Commons Study on the Windsor Framework \(March 2023\)](#)

[Sector Explainers for the Windsor Framework \(March 2023\)](#)

Excise Duty

[UK Alcohol Reform Proposals – Action Your Business Can Take Now \(27.03.2023\)](#)

[Report on UK Alcohol Reform Proposals - by UK Gov \(March 2023\)](#)

China

[Countering China's Economic Coercion in the US - Study - March 2023](#)

Events

3 April 2023 - Start of Diploma in Customs Competencies

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6 April 2023 –Prohibitions, Restrictions & Licences (includes Export Controls & Sanctions)

This course develops the competencies professionals need to identify and manage prohibitions & restrictions (incl. export controls and sanctions). Complete Competency Levels 1 and 2 of the EU Customs Competency Framework. (Course ID: OC08+22) -> [Find out more](#)

7 April 2023 – Origin of Goods & FTA

This course develops the competencies that professionals need to carry out activities required to determine the economic nationality of goods. Complete Competency Levels 1 and 2 of the EU Customs Competency Framework. (Course ID: OC07) -> [Find out more](#)

10 April 2023 - Tariff and Customs Classification

This course develops the competencies professionals need to deal with all aspects of tariff and classification of goods, including HS code determination, application, validation, and usage of tariffs and online databases, GIRs and ATR (BTIs). (Course ID: OC03) -> [Find Out More & Book](#)

12 April 2023 - Northern Ireland - Successful GB-NI-ROI (EU) Trade

This course develops the competencies professionals need to deal with all aspects of the trade in goods with Northern Ireland, including understanding the rules laid out by the Ireland/Northern Ireland Protocol and experimental processes and procedures. (Course ID: E-FA 07) -> [Find Out More & Book](#)

12 April 2023 - CITES - Trade in Endangered Species & Products

This course develops the competencies professionals need to deal with all aspects of the CITES regulation, including identifying endangered species and licensable products, applying for permits, and designing an effective compliance system. (Course ID: E-FA 08) -> [Find Out More & Book](#)

16 April 2023 - Customs Valuation

This course develops the competencies that professionals need to deal with all aspects of customs valuation, including the Customs Valuation Agreement and how to handle circumstances and activities in customs valuation, including all six valuation methods (Course ID: OC6) -> [Find Out More & Book](#)

25-26 May 2023 - European Customs Practitioners' Conference, Vilnius, Lithuania

Law. Technologies. EU-UK TCA. Green cross-border trade. From the big picture to daily practice - for European importers, exporters and everyone involved in cross-border Trade. Let's meet in **Vilnius, Lithuania, on May 25-26, 2023!** Online attendance is also possible. Registration will start on January 20, 2023. The registration form and all the related information will be available on the LCPA

website. The conference, including all materials, will be held in English. Simultaneous translation into Lithuanian and Russian (the working language in Central Asia) will be provided on the first day of the conference. The second day will be held in English only.

How to Empower Yourself and Your Team

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