

# INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND WTO

HARNESSING OPPORTUNITIES AND MITIGATING RISKS

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Our international trade group is dedicated to assisting clients in maximising the opportunities and minimising the risks deriving from the ever increasing regulation of international trade in goods and services.

We have extensive experience advising both companies and sovereign governments on matters across the full spectrum of international trade law, including:

- Negotiations of international trade agreements
- WTO disputes
- Economic sanctions and export controls
- Customs rules
- Trade defence instruments

We are not only experts in international trade law but also in all aspects of EU law aimed at either implementing the EU's international trade obligations or regulating EU import and export flows of goods and services. This means that our trade team benefits from the necessary experience and expertise to provide comprehensive advice to companies operating in and/or exporting to the EU and to help them navigate the intricate network of international trade-related rules, whether defined at international, EU or national level.

Furthermore, unlike some other firms who have set up trade teams in the wake of Brexit, we have developed and maintained an international trade practice over the last two decades. More recently, we have been advising a number of international companies and UK government bodies on the potential trade consequences of Brexit.

Our trade team combines seasoned private practitioners and a former head of international trade law at the European Commission's Legal Service. Collectively, the team has been involved in more than 25 WTO cases and advised on more than 50 international trade related cases in the European courts.

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## **RECENT EXPERIENCE**

### **ROSNEFT AND GAZPROM NEFT**

Representing both companies in a web of innovative and highly technical court proceedings before the UK courts, the European General Court and the Court of Justice of the European Union challenging EU trade and financial sanctions

### **SEVERAL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTITIES**

Advising on the potential consequences of Brexit for the future trade relationship between the EU and the UK and the UK and third countries

### **CONFIDENTIAL SOVEREIGN GOVERNMENTS**

Representing two sovereign governments in two separate ongoing WTO dispute settlement proceedings

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## A GLOBAL EXPORTER

Representing our client in repayment of duties procedures before several EU Member State customs authorities on the basis of the newly applicable EU customs rules. The duties in question are targeted by several direct actions before the Court of Justice of the European Union

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## A NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES

Advising in relation to the interpretation and implications of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA) and the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)

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## OUR PEOPLE



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