



April 2018 NEWSLETTER



Export Control Reform 2018

By: [Attorney Adrienne Braumiller, Founder & Partner, Braumiller Law Group](#)

In mid-February, the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 was introduced as bi-partisan legislation to the House. Its main goal appears to be to protect emerging U.S. technological advancements in science, engineering, and technology that could potentially be used as a military advantage, if seized and inspected at foreign ports. Currently, the bill has yet to pass the House, but within the last few days, President Trump has announced efforts that seem to be heavily aligned with the proposed Act.

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President Announces Special Duties on Chinese Products

By: [Bruce Leeds, Senior Of Counsel, Braumiller Law Group](#)

On March 22, the President announced that the United States will be imposing special duties on certain Chinese products in retaliation for claimed theft of U.S. intellectual property rights, and use of pressure and intimidation to obtain trade secrets. The actions against China also included restrictions on Chinese investment in U.S. technology firms and the temporary suspension of the special duties on steel and aluminum products for many countries - leaving China as the primary target of such duties.

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NAFTA Update

By: [Paul Fudacz, BLG Senior Attorney](#)

As negotiators from Canada, Mexico and the United States prepare for the eighth round of NAFTA discussions, there is increasing pressure to reach a deal on a revised framework due to several impending deadlines, prompting U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer to press the NAFTA partners to conclude negotiations on a tentative deal within the upcoming weeks. [Read More](#)

DOJ Ends Use of Civil Enforcement Authority including False Claims Act Cases (FCA) to Enforce Agency Guidance Documents

By: [Attorney Sarah Wirsky, Wirsky Law](#)

In January 2018, the Office of the Associate Attorney General issued a new policy that prohibits the Department of Justice (DOJ) from using its civil enforcement authority to convert agency guidance documents into binding rules. This policy prohibits DOJ's civil litigators from using "guidance documents" in the enforcement of affirmative civil cases (ACE). This includes the False Claims Act (FCA). The memorandum applies to future ACE actions brought by the DOJ and, "whenever practicable," pending cases.

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Mexico Customs, A Quick Update

By [Brenda Cordova, Braumiller Law Group, Mexico Attorney](#)

Mexican customs and trade regulations are constantly updated. Sometimes over 8 times a year. The most recent amendment was published on December 22, 2017.

The government is now releasing "resoluciones anticipadas" (similar to informed compliance publications) on their website. These publications will then become law when published on the Diario Oficial de la Federacion (Mexican Official Gazette). The most recent one was published in March 16, 2018. [Read More](#)

KORUS-FTA, Time for Renegotiation - "Hit the AUTO button"

By: [Bob Brewer, VP Marketing, Braumiller Law Group](#)

I can't resist the play on words, so here we go: (Sorry) It's not necessarily a KORUS of voices regarding unfair trade with S. Korea. On the contrary, it's just one voice, but the one that matters the most.

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Steel and Aluminum Tariffs: How to Cope with the Impact and Temporary Exemptions

By [Adrienne Braumiller, Partner Founder of Braumiller Law Group](#), and [Megan Mohler, BLG Law Clerk](#)

The infamous proclamations are signed, published, and ready for rollout! Presidential Proclamations 9704 and 9705 that impose global safeguard tariffs on steel and aluminum imports officially took effect on March 23, 2018. The tariffs that impose a 25 percent duty on steel imports and 10 percent duty on aluminum imports, serve as a separate tax on top of any existing antidumping and countervailing duties as well as regular duties. [Read More](#)

Politics, Trade, and N. Korea

By: [Bob Brewer, VP of Marketing, BLG](#)

Politics and trade, it's a study in "Politrade", especially in a few choice countries in Asia. For the first time since taking the official seat of power in the DPRK six years ago Kim Jung Un is stepping outside the boundaries, literally of course, as he prepares to meet with S. Korean leaders on April 27th, having just left a meeting with Xi Jinping in Beijing, and someday soon, a proposed meeting with the POTUS. Kim Jong Un, and the POTUS face-to-face, imagine that. [Read More](#)



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It's sometimes difficult to approach a law firm with a few simple questions without fear of being immediately "on the clock." So, I have spoken with our attorneys and trade advisors at **Braumiller Law Group**, as well as **Braumiller Consulting Group**, and as the marketing guy (Bob), I have been given the green light to test this initial sharing of information from a contact form on the new sister site.

This exchange of initial information via the **contact form** on the main page of the website, and a little follow-up on my end internally, will hopefully give us both some direction to see what the specific needs are, and if there is a viable relationship, and/or project, for either of our firms, **Braumiller Law Group**, or **Braumiller Consulting Group**.

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Upcoming Events



Export Control Reform- Webinar Thursday, April 26th, 2018 -10:00 AM PST

Export Control Reform is the ongoing process of rewriting the International Traffic in Arms Regulations and the Export Administration Regulations to better define what articles and technologies are controlled, and to move many articles, especially at the part and component level, from the ITAR to the EAR. The webinar will review the changes made as a result of Export Control Reform to date and will provide examples of how the changes have affected controls and licensing. [Read More](#)

NCBFAA Annual Conference

Rancho Mirage, CA
April 29th - May 2nd 2018

Now in its 45th year, the NCBFAA Annual Conference brings together more than 600 of the international trade industry's top representatives from around the United States. For four days in Rancho Mirage, CA, the nation's leading customs brokers, freight forwarders, NVOCCs, OTIs and service providers gather to update themselves on industry developments and to connect with colleagues new and old. [Read More](#)



Resource Guide on Trade Actions - Webinar

Thursday, June 7th, 2018 - 12:00 - 1:00 PM CST

Explore the nuances of trade policy actions in this one hour event. Presenter Adrienne Braumiller, Partner and Founder of Braumiller Law Group, will highlight the resources available to stay on top of such developments. A Q&A session will follow the presentation.

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Braumiller Law Group Contributes To Chambers Global Practice Guide- International Trade 2018

Partner Adrienne Braumiller, as well as Attorneys Jennifer Horvath and Paul Fudacz, offered a robust contribution to the **Chambers International Trade 2018 Guide**.

Click here to view the chapter.

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