



Talk on U.S. Sanctions

“U.S. Embargoes and Sanctions – Knowing and Navigating the Changing Field in International and Cross-Border Deals”

Date: 15 June 2016 | Time: 1630h - 2100h | Venue: One Marina Boulevard (NTUC Centre), Rm 903 (9th Flr)

SPEAKER & SYNOPSIS OF HIS PRESENTATION



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Ronald is a senior partner based in Holland & Knight's Washington, D.C., office, where he leads the International and Cross-Border Transactions and Regulatory team. His has advised multinational clients throughout complex transaction and compliance related matters, including multi-jurisdictional compliance audits and planning, industrial security analysis and advice, domestic and cross-border customs issues, import/export compliance, U.S. domestic and non-domestic investments, and related international trade matters.

His international and cross-border experience include assisting law firms, governments, universities, insurers, financial institutions, investors, corporates entities (and their officers and directors), agents, and individuals comply with U.S. trade embargoes and economic sanctions programs involving countries such as Russia, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, and Sudan. Ron also routinely coordinates and manages multi-jurisdictional compliance for corporate and commercial transactions (e.g., U.S. and E.U. dual compliance).

Additionally, he works frequently with the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control, which is responsible for implementing, administering and enforcing sanctions regulations that restrict business transactions involving designated countries and their nationals. As a part of his international transaction and compliance practice, Ron is historically and regularly the primary counsel in a significant percentage of all foreign investment review proceedings before the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), and is one of the leading practitioners advising cross-border transactions subject to the U.S. regulations regarding Foreign Ownership, Control and Influence (FOCI). Integral to this practice are advising on the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and managing relationships with the U.S. Department of Commerce and the International Trade Commission.

Synopsis:

Over the last 18 months, the U.S., alone or with others, has changed its application of embargoes and sanctions as they apply to certain countries and individuals. The U.S. has started on a path of détente with Cuba, and investors are lining up to do business in Cuba for a variety of reasons, whether for shipping hubs or bases of operations, marina and harbor projects, or other opportunities. In contrast, the U.S. has imposed new and additional sanctions on Russia and Syria, which has complicated pending and existing deals and projects for many. Somewhere in the middle of détente and a strained relationship, the U.S. has eased many sanctions previously applicable to Iran. With each of these, however, there are restrictions imposed by the U.S., and with the changes – whether toward détente or away – the differences present new risks to the business community. Ronald will map the field regarding U.S. sanctions and chart a course for managing multijurisdictional compliance within the U.S. embargo and sanction requirements.

Some of the particular issues that will be addressed include:

- Am I able to carry cargo to Iran without fear of U.S. retaliation?
- Are there restrictions on vessels calling the U.S. that have recently called at a sanctioned country?
- Are there restrictions on vessels and equipment of U.S. origin?
- What is the ongoing effect of U.S. sanctions on U.S. dollar transactions?
- Will doing business with a sanctioned country affect U.S. investment or access to U.S. capital markets?
- What concerns should non-U.S. citizen officers and directors have with regard to U.S. sanctions and international transactions? What concerns should U.S. citizen officers and directors of non-U.S. companies have with regard to U.S. sanctions and international transactions?



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