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Dear Friends,

This is a monthly newsletter focusing on legal matters in China, and related issues that shape the general business environment for foreign companies operating in China.

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Sincerely,
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Legal Updates

GAC Issues the Notice on Widening the Scope of Pilot Scheme for Port of Dispatch Tax Refund Policies (Caishui No. [2023] 8)

On March 28, the General Administration of Customs ("GAC") announced the Notice on Widening the Scope of Pilot Scheme for Port of Dispatch Tax Refund Policies (the "Notice"), which was implemented from April 1.

The Notice stipulates that the policy on port of dispatch tax refund shall be implemented for container cargoes of eligible export enterprises dispatching from the port of dispatch (port of dispatch) via designated ports (port of stopover) and departure from the port of departure (departure port). The Notice approved Tianjin Port in Tianjin City, Dayaowan Port in Dalian City, Liaoning Province, Qingdao Port in Qingdao City, Shandong Province, Ningbo & Zhoushan Port, Zhejiang Province, Fuzhou Jiangyin Port, Xiamen Haicang Port and Xiamen Dongdu Port in Fujian Province, as ports of departure to implement the policy on port of dispatch tax refund from April 1.

Shanghai Municipal People's Government Announces Several Measures to Increase the Attraction and

A&Z Past Events

March 24, Beijing

On 24 March, the "2023 China-Europe Track II Digital Dialogue", co-organized by the Cyber Security Association of China and the European Union Chamber of Commerce in China, was held in Beijing. Mireia Paulo, Senior Consultant at A&Z Law Firm, was invited to give a speech at the event on the topic of "Comparative Study on the Interoperability of Cross-border Data Flow Regulations between China and Europe", conducting a detailed comparative study on the regulations of cross-

Utilization of Foreign Investment in Shanghai

On April 4, Shanghai Municipal People's Government announced Several Measures to Increase the Attraction and Utilization of Foreign Investment in Shanghai (the "Several Measures"), which was implemented from April 6. The Several Measures propose to increase financial and taxation support for the landing of foreign investment projects, implement the policy of not levying withholding income tax on direct investment by foreign investors with distributed profits, optimize the handling process and improve the convenience of foreign-invested enterprises to enjoy the policies. Each district in Shanghai may take into account the actual situation, within the scope of statutory authority, reward the foreign-invested enterprises, new foreign investment projects, reinvestment projects by the distributed profit of the foreign-invested in line with the guidance of industrial development of Shanghai, in accordance with its comprehensive economic and social contribution to the district.

GAC Issues the Notice on Further Strengthening the Inspection and Supervision of Imported Dangerous Chemicals

On April 7, the General Administration of Customs ("GAC") issued the Notice on Further Strengthening the Inspection and Supervision of Imported Dangerous Chemicals (the "Notice"), which came into effect on the date of issuance. The Notice clarifies that the implementation of the mode of "verification by the examination document + port inspection or destination inspection" for imported dangerous chemicals and the setting of inspection operation links (locations) and ratios according to the properties of imported dangerous chemicals and the type of packaging of dangerous goods; the consignee or agent of imported dangerous chemicals shall, when declaring customs clearance, fill in the "China International Trade Single Window" truthfully to declare the properties of goods, inspection and quarantine name, hazard category, packaging category, UN number of dangerous goods (UN Number), dangerous goods packaging mark (UN Mark of Packaging) and destination inspection and quarantine authority, etc., and upload the relevant materials required by GAC Notice (No. 129 of 2020) (Announcement on Issues Relating to the Inspection and Supervision of Import and Export of Dangerous Chemicals and their Packaging) respectively according to the declared items of goods.

MOF Issues "Catalogue List of Major State Fiscal, Tax and Financial Preferential Policies for the Transport Sector in 2023" (as of April 11)

On April 12, the Ministry of Transport ("MOT") released the "Catalogue List of Major State Fiscal, Tax and Financial Preferential Policies for the Transport Sector in 2023" (as of

border data flow between China and Europe and analyzing the elements of mutual cooperation between China and Europe on the regulations of cross-border data flow.

April 6, Shanghai

On April 6, Sophie An, Director and Principal Partner at A&Z Law Firm was invited to attend the "Youth Forum on China-Japan Relations Study", which focused on the current situation of China-Japan relations, Japanese economic and trade trends, and future opportunities for cooperation between the two countries.

April 10, Shanghai

On April 10, a legal forum was held in Shanghai Chongming District, and Sophie An, Director and Principal Partner at A&Z Law Firm, also part of the Standing Committee Member of Shanghai Federation of Returned Overseas Chinese, and Paul Gao, Director of the Family Wealth Inheritance Desk at A&Z, were invited to attend and gave a speech on the theme of "Leading by Law, Promoting High Quality Development", focusing on the contents of the Part VI Inheritance of Civil Code through research and analysis of the legal framework, combined with a large number of vivid cases.

April 11, Shanghai

April 11) (the "Catalogue List"), which has been implemented since the date of release.

The Catalogue List summarizes 11 national-level fiscal, tax and financial preferential policies, involving preferential urban land use tax for bulk commodity storage facilities of logistics enterprises, phased reduction of unemployment insurance and work injury insurance premium rates, preferential employment guarantee fund for the disabled, pre-tax deduction of R&D expenses, preferential income tax for SMEs and individual entrepreneurs, and specifies the sources of policy documents and main contents of relevant policies.

MEM Issues Guidance Catalogue on the Key Matters of Work Safety Inspection for Dangerous Chemical Enterprises in 2023

On April 14, the Ministry of Emergency Management ("MEM") released Guidance Catalogue on the Key Matters of Work Safety Inspection for Dangerous Chemical Enterprises in 2023 (the "Guidance Catalogue"), which has been implemented from the date of release.

The Guidance Catalogue focuses on the prevention and control of major safety risks and the investigation and management of major safety hazards and key personnel, key enterprises and key links, with specifying 29 key enforcement inspection items, divided into 24 items in the basic category and 5 items in the high-risk segment category. Each item includes the content of the key matters of dangerous chemical safety enforcement and inspection, the basis for enforcement and inspection, relevant normative documents and standard requirements, as well as the basis for penalties. Among them, the basic category mainly covers whether the first responsible person for production safety is clear and carries out safety risk commitment announcement, special rectification of safety of devices operating with faults, personnel qualification and educational background, operation of storage facilities, and change management.

GAC Issues the Notice on Preferential Tax Policies for Imported Exhibits Sold During the China Import and Export Fair in 2023

On April 15, the General Administration of Customs ("GAC") issued the Notice on Preferential Tax Policies for Imported Exhibits Sold during the China Import and Export Fair in 2023 (the "Notice"), which has been implemented from the date of issue.

The Notice clarifies that imported exhibits sold within the duty-free quota of the China Import and Export Fair in 2023 during the exhibition period determined by the Ministry of Commerce are exempt from import tariff, import VAT and consumption tax. The categories of exhibits and the maximum number or amount of sales of each exhibitor

On 11 April, Sophie An, Director and Principal Partner at A&Z Law Firm, Vincent Zhu, the Executive Director and Senior Partner at A&Z, and Eric Zhang, Peter Zeng, Andrew Zhang, all Senior Partners at A&Z, were invited to attend the Establishment

Conference of the Research Association on the Foreign-Related Rule of Shanghai Law Society and the first Lujiazui Foreign-related Rule of Law Summit Forum.

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enjoying the tax concessions during the exhibition period of this year's fair shall be implemented as stipulated. Exhibits entitled to tax concessions do not include goods prohibited for import into China, endangered animals and plants with their products, tobacco, alcohol, automobiles and goods listed in the Catalogue of Important Technological Equipment and Products Imported without Duty Exemption.

Shanghai Municipal People's Government Issues Several Opinions on Further Decentralization and Unbinding the Control to Stimulate the Vitality of Technological Innovation

April 19, Shanghai Municipal People's Government issued Several Opinions on Further Decentralization and Unbinding the Control to Stimulate the Vitality of Technological Innovation (the "Opinions"), which came into effect on April 20 and will be valid until April 19, 2028.

The Opinions proposes to enhance the R&D capability of science and technology-based SMEs. Accelerate the cultivation of a number of science and technology-based SMEs with strong R&D capability, high technology level and dense scientific and technological talents. Encourage all districts to support science and technology-based SMEs to enhance their R&D capabilities by means of matching grants from the technology innovation fund for science and technology-based SMEs. Encourage all districts to provide incentives to high-tech enterprises that are recognized for the first time and are within the validity period. Support the development of science and technology business incubators, strengthen the "investment-hatching linkage" and enhance the service capacity of incubators.

Antitrust, Intellectual Property, M&A and Corporate Restructuring, Labour and Social Security, Dispute Resolution, Compliance and CSR, Finance and Capital Markets, Customs Logistics and Maritime Commerce, and Environment, Health and Safety (EHS).

Industry News

Benefits seen in industrial system upgrade

China Daily, April 2

Trade corridor boosts RCEP regional economic integration

Xinhua, April 3

Mattress group brings major brands to Shanghai

China Daily, April 4

Kraft Heinz seeks gains in 'gigantic' Chinese market

China Daily, April 6

Economic Watch: China speeds up digital, green transformation in coal

China's foreign trade returns to growth

Xinhua, April 13

China high-quality path presents key opportunities for reinsurance industry

China Daily, April 19

Economic Watch: China's economy gathers steam for faster recovery amid pro-growth policies

Xinhua, April 19

ABB Group launches contest to cultivate local innovative talents

China Daily, April 21

industry

Xinhua, April 10

**China rolls out plan to boost trade
amid weakening global demand**

Reuters, April 25

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