



A&Z LAW FIRM

## A&Z Monthly Newsletter July 2017

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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.

Should you have any comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Mireia Paulo at [mpaulo@a-zlf.com.cn](mailto:mpaulo@a-zlf.com.cn), or visit [A&Z website](#).

Sincerely,

The Editors

### Legal Updates

- [State Council Vows to Further Open up Core Fields in Beijing's Service Sector](#)

Recently, the State Council approved in principle the Comprehensive Pilot Program on Deepening Reform and Further Opening up Beijing's Service Sector (the "Program"), according to its official reply to the Program.

- [AQSIQ: Call for Comments on Administrative Measures on General Certification of Imported Food \(Draft for Comments\)](#)

In order to ensure the quality and safety of imported food and realise the effective connection between the regulation of imported food and the supervision /control of the place where the food is exported, AQSIQ drafted Administrative Measures on the General Certification of Imported Food (Draft for Comments) in accordance with Food Safety Laws of the People's Republic of China (Revised in 2015).

- [MEP Solicits Comments on the Administrative Measures for Pollutant Discharge Licensing](#)

The General Office of the Ministry of Environmental Protection ("MEP") has recently issued the Administrative Measures for Pollutant Discharge Licensing (Draft for Comment) (the "Draft for Comment") for public comments before August 19, 2017.

### A&Z Upcoming events

#### 30 and 31 August, Shanghai

Dr. Sophie An, the Director and Principal Partner of A&Z law firm, will be invited to participate in the Sixth China Competition Policy Forum and the International Symposium on Competition Policy under the Background of Economic Globalization, which is sponsored by the consultative expert group of the Anti-Monopoly Committee of the State Council.

#### 12 August, Anhui

Dr. Sophie An, Director and Principal Partner of A&Z law firm, will be invited to participate in the first Yangtze River Delta competition forum, which will be held in Anhui University. The Forum will center on "Relationships between Competition Law and Related Laws and Amendments". The seminar is based in the area of Yangtze River Delta, and will invite leading scholars, enforcement officers, professional lawyers, and legal experts from both academic circles and practical fields in China's competition law.

#### 6 August, Shanghai

Dr. Sophie An, Director and Principal Partner of A&Z law firm, will be invited to give lessons to China's economy CEO class in Shanghai Jiaotong University, which will concern "characteristics of Chinese laws."

- [Order of the State Intellectual Property Office No.76 issued the Administrative Measures for Prioritised Patent Examination](#)

The Administrative Measures for Prioritised Patent Examination, which were adopted at the executive meeting of the State Intellectual Property Office ("SIPO") are hereby issued for implementation as of August 1, 2017.

## A&Z Legal Opinion



### The status of personal information protection in China

Andrew Zhang, Head of the European-American Desk

On November 7, 2016, China published the Cybersecurity Law of the People's Republic of China which became effective on 1 June, 2017. Although most foreign media reports focus on the terms relating to the mandatory requirements imposed on Cybersecurity systems of internet enterprises such as the national security examinations, we think foreigners living in China need also to know the terms of the law relating to personal information protection.

A foreigner living in China may be met with the situation in which a person of strength who knows your name, home address, and even what you have purchased from an e-commerce website, calls you on your personal phone number. This would mean that your personal information had been leaked by the person to whom you had disclose such information in making applications during the browsing of websites, purchasing products and/or services, or handle other matters. Because of the absence of laws which regulate the obtaining, holding, use and, disclosure of such personal information, the illegal obtaining and disclosing of personal information has become a common problem in China and countless individuals have been defrauded by criminals through the use of said personal information. [Read More.](#)

## Industry News

[Starbucks makes biggest-ever acquisition in China](#)  
BBC, 28 July 2017

[Prepare for challenges, Xi urges](#)  
Chinadaily, 28 July 2017

[China Opens Up Aviation Market, Bringing Potential Environmental Challenges](#)  
Worldwatch Institute, 27 July 2017

[Outlook for China's Aviation Market](#)  
Bloomberg, 21 July 2017

## A&Z Past events

### 11 July, Thailand

Dr. Sophie An, the Director and Principal Partner of A&Z law firm, was invited to participate in the Boao Forum for the Asia Bangkok Conference in Thailand, the theme of which was "Asian regional Cooperation: New Challenges, New Approach."

[Learn more](#)

### 8 and 14 July, Shanghai

Dr. Sophie An, Director of A&Z Firm and Principal Partner, will be invited to participate the opening ceremony and closing ceremony of the China (Shanghai) International Youth Football Invitational, 2017, which is jointly held by the Shanghai Federation of Returned Oversea and Education Ministry and other social and governmental organizations, having been held periodically every year since 2015.

[Learn more](#)

### 5 July, Shanghai

Dr. Sophie An, the Director and Principal Partner of A&Z law firm, was invited to participate in the "Intellectual Property Law" legal knowledge forum held by the Shanghai Federation of Returned Overseas, which took place at Merry Hotel, and the keynote speaker of which was a senior expert from Shanghai's Third Intermediate People's Court.

## About A&Z Law Firm

A&Z is a leading Chinese law firm, which employs over 50 experts composed of a team of professionals comprising attorneys, legal assistants,

[China Sees 565,000 Invention Patent Applications in First Half of 2017](#)

Xinhua, 21 July 2017

[China launches demonstration areas to boost Made in China 2025](#)

Xinhua, 20 July 2017

[Warning against 'irrational overseas investment'](#)

Global Times, 19 July 2017

[China and Indonesia hold seminar to discuss foreigners' work permit in Indonesia](#)

Xinhua, 18 July 2017

[Pressure easing on foreign exchange sales](#)

Chinadaily, 18 July 2017

[Red Bull Owner Locks Horns With Chinese Partners](#)

Caixin, 18 July 2017

[China GDP growth points to 2017 economic rebound](#)

FT, 17 July 2017

[Civil Lawsuits Involve 28 Nations](#)

Chinadaily, 13 July, 2017

[AI startup raises \\$410 million funding](#)

Chinadaily, 13 July 2017

[China Publishes Draft Regulations on Protecting the Security of Key Information Infrastructure](#)

Huntong & Williams, 11 July 2017

[Disney, Netease to create Chinese superhero](#)

Chinadaily, 9 July 2017

[Expert: quality and safety control over cross-border online sales of food shall be strengthened](#)

Caixin, 3 July 2017

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