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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, or visit [A&Z website](#).

Sincerely,

The Editors

Legal Updates

- [CFDA to Regulate the Application for Registering and the Record-filing of Imported Medical Devices](#)

The Department of Medical Device Registration of the China Food and Drug Administration ("CFDA") has recently organised the drafting of the Announcement on Requiring Parties Applying for Registering and Filing the Record for Imported Medical Devices to Have Chinese Names, Domiciles and Production Addresses (Draft for Comment) (the "Draft for Comment") which is hereby issued for public comments by September 9, 2017.

- [MEP Launches Policies for Technologies Used to Prevent and Clean up Pollution in the Paper-making Industry](#)

Recently, the Ministry of Environmental Protection ("MEP") has issued the Policies for Technologies Used to Prevent and Clean up Pollution in the Paper-making Industry (the "Technology Policies").

- [Public Comments Sought on the Law on Vehicle Purchase Tax](#)

Recently, the Ministry of Finance ("MOF") and the State Administration of Taxation ("SAT") have drafted and issued the Law of the People's Republic of China on Vehicle Purchase Tax (VPT) (Draft for Comment) (the "Draft for Comment") for public comments before September 6, 2017.

A&Z Upcoming events

23 September, Hokkaido

Ms. Sophie An, Director and Principal Partner at A&Z Law Firm, will be invited to participate at the ACA (Asia Competition Association) Annual Meeting. The ACA was initiated and established by the competition law scholars and practitioners of China, Japan, and Korea in 2008, and has conducted extensive and in-depth research on the theory and practice of competition law in Asia and the world for many years. As an outstanding lawyer in the field of foreign-related antitrust, Sophie An has been actively promoting the integration between China and the international community in the field of antitrust.

13 September, Shanghai

Ms. Mireia Paulo, Director of the European-American Market and Overseas Investment Projects at A&Z Law Firm, will be invited to give a speech at the JUWAI China Agent Summit. She will speak about Capital Control Policy in China. During the Summit, a number of renowned experts in the investment field will make keynote speeches in order to improve understanding and communication between both domestic and foreign investment opportunities, and ultimately help Chinese investors to find satisfactory overseas investment opportunities.

A&Z Past events

- [Schedule on Assigning Key Tasks Specified in the 13th Five-Year Plan for Protection and Application of IPRs Issued](#)

Recently, the Office of Inter-Ministerial Joint Meeting for the Implementation of Intellectual Property Strategies under the State Council has issued the Schedule on Assigning Key Tasks Specified in the 13th Five-Year Plan for Protection and Application of Intellectual Property Rights (the "Schedule").

A&Z Legal Opinion



Is your company blacklisted?

Vincent Zhu, Executive Director and Senior Partner

Recently, one Shanghai company was told that it was blacklisted. The reason for which was unknown to the director of the company since nothing was done illegally.

The official department related expressed: "The company did not submit the annual report before the end of June which makes the department think it had abnormal business operations. What's worse, it has not taken timely remedial measures. For this reason, we have added it in the 'list of enterprises with serious breaches of law, and discredited enterprises'."

Was there notice before the company was blacklisted? Yes! [Read More.](#)

Industry News

[Customs Crack Down on Infringing Exports](#)
The State Council, 31 August

[China Realizes It Needs Foreign Companies](#)
Bloomberg, 31 August

[China's Appetite for Southeast Asian Logistics Assets Grows, PwC Says](#)
Caixin, 25 August, 2017

[Hoh Xil pilots environment protection reform](#)
China daily, 25 August, 2017

[China Regulator Considers Allowing More Airlines to Fly International Routes](#)
Caixin, 24 August, 2017

[China: New Rules Promote Foreign Investment While Tightening Regulatory Enforcement](#)
International Tax Review, 23 August, 2017

30-31 August, Shanghai



Ms. Sophie An, Director and Principal Partner at A&Z Law Firm, was invited to participate in the Sixth China Competition Policy Forum and the International Symposium on Competition Policy under the Background of Economic Globalisation, which is sponsored by the consultative expert group of the Anti-Monopoly Committee of the State Council.

31 August, Shanghai

Ms. Mireia Paulo, Director of the European-American Market and Overseas Investment Projects at A&Z Law Firm, was invited to deliver a speech in the E-Commerce Logistics Forum (also known as eLog), which is China's leading conference that focuses entirely on the most important trends and developments in e-commerce logistics, distribution, and fulfilment in domestic intra-country omni-channel retail in China. The speech focused on Intellectual Property law, Food Safety Law, and Advertisement Law.

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12 August, Shanghai



Ms. Sophie An, Director and Principal Partner at A&Z Law Firm, was invited to participate on the People's Radio of Shanghai "NEWS 990" program. In this program, Sophie An talked about public relevant issues and analysed the current trend of commercial old-age from the perspective of a member of the CPPC. This event gained high praise and recognition

[New Balance Wins \\$1.5 Million in Landmark China Trademark Case](#)
The New York Times, 22 August, 2017

[In China, Your Company's Name Can't Be a Mouthful](#)
The New York Times, 18 August, 2017

[China Establishes Its First Cyber-Court in Hangzhou: Thank You Alibaba](#)
China Law Blog, 16 August, 2017

[31.8 Billion Yuan of Patent Pledge Fuels Entrepreneurship](#)
China IP News, 16 August, 2017

[All subway lines in Beijing open for mobile metro card](#)
China Daily, 14 August, 2017

[How To Get the China E-Channel as a Foreigner \(Yes, even Americans!\)](#)
Global From Asia, 11 August, 2017

[HNA Finalizes Purchase of Money-Losing German Airport](#)
Caixin, 11 August, 2017

[Restructuring plan passes for Dongbei Special Steel](#)
Xinhua, 9 August, 2017

[China to Prioritize Patent Examination in Certain Fields by Ophelia](#)
Xinhua, 3 August, 2017

[New wave of measures to boost private investment](#)
China Daily, 2 August, 2017

from the audience.

6 August, Shanghai

Ms. Sophie An, Director and Principal Partner at A&Z Law Firm, was invited to lecture in the China's economy CEO class in Shanghai Jiaotong University, which targets "characteristics of Chinese laws". Her deep knowledge of the law has won her praise from students.

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A&Z welcomes any and all questions pursuant hereto. For this reason, we recommend that you directly contact one of our attorneys in assisting you to address your needs.

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