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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

- [Authorities to Better Protect Foreign-invested Enterprises' IPRs](#)

Recently, twelve authorities, including the Office of the National Leading Group for Crackdown on the Infringement of Intellectual Property Rights and the Production and Sale of Counterfeit and Shoddy Goods, the State Intellectual Property Office ("SIPO") and the Ministry of Commerce ("MOFCOM"), have jointly issued the Action Plan for the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights Owned by Foreign-invested Enterprises (the "Plan").

- [MOFCOM Calls for Effective Work in Tax Relief for Equipment Imported by FIEs Engaging in Encouraged Category of Foreign Investment](#)

The General Office of the Ministry of Commerce ("MOFCOM") has recently issued the Circular on Further Effectively Implementing Tax Relief for Equipment Imported by Foreign-invested Enterprises (FIEs) Engaging in Encouraged Category of Foreign Investment (the "Circular"), with immediate effect from the issue date.

- [Comments Solicited on the Anti-Unfair Competition Law \(Second Revised Draft for Review\)](#)

Recently, the Anti-Unfair Competition Law (Revised Draft) (Second Draft for Review) has been deliberated at the 29th Session of the Standing Committee of the 12th National People's Congress and been issued for public comments by September 24, 2017.

A&Z Upcoming events

28 October, Shanghai

A&Z Law Firm will celebrate the A&Z 10th Annual Golf Tournament. Clients -the majority of which reside in China and Japan- will show up to the event, not only to boast their skill in the game, but to emphasize their support for the firm.

28 October, Shanghai

Ms. Sophie An, Director and Principal Partner at A&Z Law Firm, will be invited to Fudan University Law School for lecturing on legal matters. Ms. Sophie An will serve as a practical instructor of business law using her work experience to answer some common questions between theory and practice matters.

October, Shanghai

The officials from Xishui county, Guizhou Province, will visit A&Z Law Firm in October. In the past, Xishui County official agencies and A&Z Law Firm has developed good ties. In this occasion, the aim of the trip will be further interacting with the Firm, and hiring A&Z Law Firm as legal adviser.

A&Z Past events

23 September, Hokkaido

- [Authorities Call for Rigorous Crackdown upon Unreal and Illegal Ads](#)

Recently, ten authorities, including the State Administration for Industry and Commerce ("SAIC"), have jointly issued the Work Plan on Severe Crackdown on False and Illegal Advertisements to Sustain a Sound Order in the Advertising Market.

A&Z Legal Opinion



Seven Things Foreign Investors Need to Know about ICP

Claire Gu, European-American Desk

Internet has shown buoyant momentum in China, and many companies wish to expand their markets by taking advantage of thereof. However, numerous licenses and lengthy procedures have resulted in investors, especially foreign investors, landing into sticky situations. The following article will help start-ups tease out related laws and regulations.

[What is ICP?... ICP Filling VS. ICP License... Read More.](#)

Industry News

[China-US friendship helps build demonstration farm](#)
China Daily, 25 September, 2017

[Baidu Revs Up Autonomous Driving Project With \\$1.5 Billion Fund](#)
Caixin , 21 September, 2017

[Alibaba-Backed Best Inc. Jumps in Debut After IPO Price Cut](#)
Caixin , 21 September, 2017

[World's largest bulk carrier launches in Qingdao](#)
China Daily , 21 September, 2017

[China Now No.2 Can't-Miss Patenting Destination](#)
SIPO, 20 September, 2017

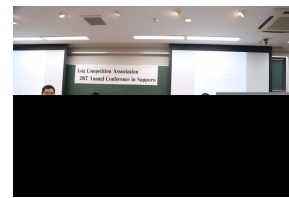
[COMAC nets 130 more orders for C919 jet](#)
China Daily, 19 September, 2017

[Hebei to develop tourism in Xiongan New Area](#)
Xinhua, 19 September, 2017

[Shanghai forum highlights city's goals for growth](#)
China Daily, 18 September, 2017

[NCAC Requests Authorization in Widely Spreading Online Music](#)
National Copyright administration of the People's Republic of China, 13 September, 2017

[CCCC sees innovation as way ahead in global growth](#)



Ms. Sophie An, Director and Principal Partner at A&Z Law Firm, was 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.

15 September, Shanghai

During the signing ceremony in the East China University of Political Science and Law, Mr. Vincent Zhu, the Executive Director and Senior Partner at A&Z Law Firm, stated that "One Belt and One Road-Economic trade, and legal cooperation projects" will be expanded. 2018 year, A&Z Law Firm will welcome civil servants and lawyers from One Belt And One Road countries to jointly cooperate in specific projects.

13 September, Shanghai



Ms. Mireia Paulo, the Director of the European-American Market and Overseas Investment Projects at A&Z Law Firm, was invited to give a speech at the JUWAI China Agent Summit. She spoke about Capital Control Policy in China. During the Summit, a number of renowned experts in the investment field made 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.

China Daily, 12 September, 2017

[Intellectual Property Used as Collateral for Loans](#)
SIPO, 1 September, 2017

[Major Chinese Cryptocurrency Fundraising Platform Halts Operations](#)
Cainxin, 31 August, 2017

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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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