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A&Z Monthly Newsletter

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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 Standardize the Evaluation and Approval of Registering Imported Drugs](#)

The General Office of the China Food and Drug Administration ("CFDA") has recently released the Announcement on Matters Concerning the Evaluation and Approval of Registering Imported Drugs (the "Draft for Comment") for public consultation by March 2, 2018.

- [Parallel Import of Automobiles Initiated in Eight Regions](#)

Recently, eight departments, including the Ministry of Commerce ("MOFCOM"), have distributed the Official Reply to Issues Concerning Launching the Pilot Program for Parallel Import of Automobiles in Inner Mongolia and Other Regions (the "Reply").

- [SAIC to Make It More Convenient to Apply for Digital Trademark Certificates](#)

The Trademark Office of the State Administration for Industry and Commerce ("SAIC") has recently released the Announcement on Further Making It More Convenient to Apply for Digital Trademark Certificates (the "Announcement").

- [Two Authorities Announce Adjustments in the Catalog of Inbound and Outbound Commodities Subject to Inspection and Quarantine \(2018\)](#)

A&Z Upcoming events

5 March, Shanghai

On 5 March, 2018, it will be the 120th anniversary of the birth of respected Premier Zhou Enlai. Ms. Sophie An, Director and Principal Partner at A&Z Law Firm, is invited to attend the conference with the topic as: *When I Was Working With Premier Zhou*. The conference is jointly held by Committee for Friendship with Foreign Countries of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Shanghai Committee, Shanghai Public Relations Association, Shanghai Association for Japanese Studies and Shanghai Japan Studies and Communication. The speaker will be the previous Director of Press and Media Service of Foreign Affair and Sino-Japanese Translator Mr. Zhou Bin. Mr. Zhou will share his memory with audience about his experience of working with Premier Zhou.

A&Z Past events

11 February, Shanghai



A&Z held the annual party for all employees of the Firm as

The General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine ("AQSIQ") and the General Administration of Customs ("GAC") have recently issued the Announcement on Adjustments in the Catalog of Inbound and Outbound Commodities Subject to Inspection and Quarantine by Entry-exit Inspection and Quarantine Authorities (2018) (the "Announcement").

A&Z Legal Opinion



Super Visa for Foreign Talents in China

The demand for foreign talents in the Chinese labour market, especially those who meet the criteria of **"high-level foreign talents"** (高精尖缺, Category A in the Classification Standards for Foreigners Working in China), has gradually increased in recent years. To attract these talents, the Chinese authorities have taken various measures to simplify administrative processes related to the examination and approval of visas, such as the Work Permit System for Foreigners implemented on April 1, 2017.

Have you heard about it? Who falls into the category of "high-level foreign talent"? [Read More.](#)

Industry News

[China offers huge opportunities for UK businesses: British minister](#)
Global Times, 22 February, 2018

[Shanghai Pudong Airport's passenger traffic poised to overtake Hong Kong International Airport](#)
CAPA, 21 February, 2018

[China sees robust consumption during Spring Festival holiday](#)
Xinhua, 21 February, 2018

[HSBC profits jump to \\$17.2bn on Asia growth](#)
BBC, 20 February, 2018

[China's private investment gains momentum in 2017](#)
Xinhua, 16 February, 2018

[How does Chinese tech stack up against American tech?](#)
Economist, 15 February, 2018

[Market price changes of important production resources in the circulation area \(1st February to 10th February 2018\)](#)
National Bureau of Statistics of the PRC, 14 February, 2018

the Chinese New Year was coming. The aim of the party was to express gratitude to all the members of the firm for their contribution over the past year 2017, while encouraging them to maintain the values of the Firm: passion, professionalism and collaboration.

9 February, Shanghai



Ms. Sophie An, Director and Principal Partner at A&Z Law Firm, was invited by the Japan External Trade Organization to give a speech in a seminar about Chinese Labor Issues and future trends. Ms. An focused on the Work Permit System for Foreigners Working in China.

8 February, Jiangsu

Mr. Peter Zeng, Senior Partner and attorney at A&Z Law Firm, was invited to participate in the ASICS annual party. Mr. Zeng gave a speech about Chinese Labor Law. He provided a detailed analysis and practical case studies for attendees.

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, Japanese translators, client managers, and business specialists across 5 offices in 11 jurisdictions. Having been active in Shanghai since 2004, A&Z's presence was expanded through the establishment of offices in Beijing, Dalian, Wuhan, and Tokyo. A&Z focuses on advising multi-national groups, major corporations, banks, and SMEs on various legal issues relevant to their business endeavors.

A&Z's practices include Foreign Investment, Overseas Investment, Competition and Antitrust, Intellectual Property, M&A and Corporate

[SOEs' internationalization process will be accelerated](#)
China Daily, 13 February, 2018

[China, Russia launch years of local cooperation, exchange](#)
Global Times, 8 February, 2018

[AIIB to work with Malaysia to support infrastructure in ASEAN region](#)
China Daily, 6 February, 2018

[China Accelerates Development of GA Airports](#)
AINonline, 1 February, 2018

[China, Britain pledge to further lift Golden-Era partnership](#)
Global Times, 1 February, 2018

[Financial supervision to be strengthened](#)
Global Times, 1 February, 2018

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).

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