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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. Anna Lukina, BD & Marketing Director at alukina@a-zlf.com.cn visit the A&Z website.

Sincerely,
The Editors



Legal Updates

CAC Issues Guidelines for the Filing of Standard Contract for the Outbound of Personal Information (First Edition)

On May 30, the Cyberspace Administration of China ("CAC") issued Guidelines for the Filing of Standard Contract for the Outbound of Personal Information (First Edition) (the "Guidelines"), which was implemented on the date of publication.

The Guidelines explain the specific requirements on the filing method, filing process and filing materials of the standard contract for the outbound of personal information, and also clarify that the personal information processor shall file the standard contract with the provincial Cyberspace Administration where it is located, within 10 working days from the effective date of the standard contract by delivering written materials and attaching the electronic version of the materials. The standard contract filing process includes material submission, material review and giving feedback of filing results, and supplemental or re-filing. If a personal information processor enters into a supplementary standard contract within the validity period of the standard contract, it shall submit supplementary

A&Z Past Events

June 12, Shanghai

On June 12, A&Z Law Firm and Duan & Duan Law Firm jointly issued the 'Official Letter on the Cooperation between A&Z Law Firm and Duan & Duan Law Firm on Value Creation Business'. In order to better integrate resources and provide an even higher standard of services to clients, A&Z and Duan & Duan signed a framework agreement on value creation business cooperation. A&Z has been rooted in Shanghai for nearly 20 years, focusing on providing foreign-related legal

materials to the provincial Cyberspace Administration where it is located. If it re-enters into a standard contract, the re-filing shall also be required.

Shanghai Cyberspace Administration Issues the Notice on the Filing of Standard Contracts for the Outbound of Personal Information

On June 7, Shanghai Cyberspace Administration issued Notice on the Filing of Standard Contracts for the Outbound of Personal Information (the "Notice"), which came into effect from the date of its release.

The Notice specifies that personal information processors located in Shanghai shall prepare materials in accordance with the filing requirements of the Guidelines for the Filing of Standard Contract for the Outbound of Personal Information (First Edition). The materials mainly include the certificate with unified social credit code, the identity document of the legal representative, the identity document of the operator, the authorization letter of the operator, the commitment letter, the standard contract of the outbound of personal information, as well as the personal information protection impact assessment report. The personal information processor shall file the standard contract with the Shanghai Cyberspace Administration within 10 working days from the effective date of the standard contract by delivering written materials accompanied by electronic copies of the materials.

SAMR Issues Notice on Special Actions to Carry Out Key Industrial Product Quality Safety Hazard Investigation and Treatment

On June 14, State Administration for Market Regulation ("SAMR") issued Notice on Special Actions to Carry Out Key Industrial Product Quality Safety Hazard Investigation and Treatment (the "Notice"), which has been implemented from the date of release.

The Notice specifies that it should focus on 18 key products such as hazardous chemicals, vehicle mounted atmospheric pressure tanks for hazardous chemicals, cement, wires and cables, refined oil products, explosion-proof electrical and others, with centering on the gathering area of the key products production and sales enterprises, the area in which the occurrences of quality and safety problems happens easily or with high frequency. Also, the focus shall be on strengthening the inspection and treatment of key issues such as unlicensed production, production beyond the permitted scope, ex-factory without inspection, incomplete factory inspection records, unlicensed product sales, inferior quality. The Notice requests to strengthen the responsibility of enterprise entities, and guide and supervise the enterprises to establish a sound responsibility system and to organize

services to domestic and foreign clients. Duan & Duan is committed to providing quality services to a large number of first-class multinational companies entering China in 28 specialized fields and 73 sub-fields, as well as helping many large Chinese state-owned enterprises and private enterprises to enter the international investment arena.

June 17, Shanghai

On June 17, a team of young lawyers from A&Z Law Firm held an event of public welfare, a lecture and consultation on the topic of The Civil Code and Community Life at Huaye Neighborhood Committee, West Nanjing Road, Jing'an District. The event consisted of a legal lecture and an on-site consultation free of charge. The lecture was hosted by Andrew Zhang, Senior Partner at A&Z, and the keynote speech was delivered by Robin Guo from the Family Heritage Office of A&Z. The lecture was followed by a legal consultation, where a team of young lawyers from A&Z answered the questions of the residents.

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About A&Z Law Firm

A&Z is a leading Chinese law firm, which employs

enterprises to carry out self-examination of potential quality and safety hazards.

Shanghai Municipal People's Government Issues Three-Year Action Plan for Promoting High-Quality Development of Manufacturing Industry in Shanghai (2023-2025)

On June 15, the Shanghai Municipal People's Government issued Three-Year Action Plan for Promoting High-Quality Development of Manufacturing Industry in Shanghai (2023-2025) (the "Action Plan"), which has been implemented from the date of release.

The Action Plan proposes to consolidate and enhance key advantageous industries. Four trillion-level industry clusters will be created in electronic information, life and healthcare, automobiles and high-end equipment, and two 500-billion-level industry clusters will be established in advanced materials and fashionable consumer goods. Strengthen the enterprise clusters of SRDI ("Specialized, Refined, Differential, Innovational") enterprises. The SRDI enterprise cultivation plan shall be implemented to promote the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises. The Action Plan also proposes to deepen the application of industrial internet to empower the industry, build 30 industry-specific industrial internet benchmark platforms, and accelerate the innovative application of the industrial Metaverse; promote energy saving and carbon reduction in key industries, as well as implement the industrial Peak Carbon Dioxide Emissions program.

NDRC Issues Notice on the Key Efforts to Reduce Costs in 2023

On June 13, the National Development and Reform Commission ("NDRC") issued the Notice on the Key Efforts to Reduce Costs in 2023 (the "Notice"), which came into effect from the date of issue.

The Notice emphasizes that it will enhance the precision and targeting of the preferential policies of tax, improve the quality and effectiveness of financial services to the real economy, continue to reduce systemic transaction costs, ease the pressure of labor costs on enterprises, reduce the cost of land and raw materials for enterprises, and promote quality, efficiency and cost reduction in logistics. The Notice also specifies that taxation, the first (set of) insurance compensation for the major technical equipment and other support policies shall be implemented, and targeted tax and fee reduction policies shall be introduced for areas such as scientific and technological innovation and key industrial chains. Efforts shall be made to break down unreasonable restrictions and barriers placed on non-local enterprises.

over 50 experts composed of a team of professionals comprising attorneys, legal assistants, Japanese translators, client managers, and business specialists across 7 offices in 11 legal practices. Having been active in Shanghai since 2004, A&Z's presence was expanded through the establishment of offices in Beijing, Dalian, Wuhan, Tianjin, Xiamen 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 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).

SAMR Issues Guidelines on Anti-monopoly Compliance for Concentration of Undertakings (Draft for Public Comments)

June 19, State Administration for Market Regulation ("SAMR") issued Guidelines on Anti-monopoly Compliance for Concentration of Undertakings (Draft for Comments) (the "Guidelines"), and the deadline for feedback is July 3. The Guidelines clarify that operators are entitled to establishing a specific anti-monopoly compliance system according to their own conditions, such as business scale, management mode, concentration frequency and compliance system, or incorporating the relevant anti-monopoly compliance elements of these Guidelines into the existing anti-monopoly compliance management system for operators. The Guidelines sort out the main provisions of the review system of concentration of undertakings, with summarizing the key compliance risks, and putting forward compliance management guarantee measures, such as compliance commitment, compliance report, compliance evaluation and compliance training.

Industry News

China Focus: Three years on, Hainan Free Trade Port builds up global influence

Xinhua, June 1

China industry minister, Siemens CEO discuss digital manufacturing, development

Reuters, June 14

Citi CEO commits to China expansion, Beijing says

Reuters, June 7

Audi chief sets sights on China in electric car catch-up

Reuters, June 15

China to hold expo on global industrial, supply chains cooperation

Xinhua, June 9

China's land port handles over 1,500 China-Europe freight trains

Xinhua, June 26

Chinese mainland AR, VR product sales up 62% in Q1

China Daily, June 12

BASF expands its Innovation Campus Shanghai further

Xinhua, June 28

Economic Watch: Int'l wine producers have high hopes for Chinese market

Xinhua, June 12

Huawei CFO: 5G a boon to China's development

China Daily, June 28

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