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Latest Developments with The Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act and New Leadership at the Department of Homeland Security Signal Heavier Enforcement is Likely

By: <u>Adrienne Braumiller</u>, Founding Partner, Braumiller Law Group

In recent years, the global spotlight has illuminated the grave concerns surrounding human rights violations within China's Xinjiang region, particularly those impacting the Uyghur population. The Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act (UFLPA) stands as a pivotal piece of legislation designed to address these concerns and to ensure that products imported into the United States are devoid of forced labor originating from the Xinjiang region.

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## Any Comments on FDA's New Proposed Rule on Prior Notice Regulations?

#### By Vicky Wu, Partner, Braumiller Law Group

The Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002 requires the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to take additional measures for safeguarding the public



against potential terrorist attacks on the U.S. food supply and other food-related emergencies. Among its various provisions, the Act necessitates that the FDA be notified in advance via prior notice about any imported food, including animal feed, that is intended for import into the United States.

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## New Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Investigation Initiated Covering Aluminum Extrusions from 15 Countries

#### By Paul Fudacz, Partner, Braumiller Law Group

On October 4, 2023, A coalition of 14 U.S. aluminum extrusion producers and labor unions filed petitions before the Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration (Commerce)

and the International Trade Commission (ITC) seeking to impose antidumping (AD) and countervailing duties (CVD) on aluminum extrusions produced in 15 countries and exported to the U.S.

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# Challenges Ahead! - Requesting to be Excluded From the Xinjiang Exclusions

#### By Bruce Leeds, Senior Counsel, Braumiller Law Group

In April of this year U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP) issued Headquarters Ruling H330077. The ruling was in response to a protest filed by an importer that had a shipment of



wearing apparel excluded from entry under a Withhold Release Order (WRO) at the port of Newark, NJ. The wearing apparel was processed from cotton produced in India, made into yarn and fabric in China, and converted to wearing apparel in Cambodia.

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## **Legal Framework Governing IMMEX Operations**

## By <u>Brenda Cordova</u>, Braumiller Law Group Mexico Legal Counsel

As we have previously explained in other articles, an IMMEX is a duty deferral program from the Mexican federal government

created in 2006, which stands for *Industria Manufacturera*, *Maquiladora y de Servicios de Exportación* (Manufacturing, Maquiladora and Export Services Industry). Generally, companies awarded with an IMMEX program are allowed to temporarily import into Mexico raw materials, components, inputs, parts, including machinery and equipment used to elaborate, transform or repair a finished product for further export or return abroad.

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## U.S. Trade, Nearshoring & China Mexico is Becoming a Popular Manufacturing Destination

#### By Bob Brewer, Braumiller Law Group

First, please permit me a little bit of digression as always. As many journalists would state, and have, the world is currently on fire regarding regional conflicts that could spiral into WW3



as continuous movement regarding alliances, as well as groups and individuals taking sides has become the focal point around the world. It's also true that as conflict goes, so does trade, quite often to the point of turning it into a weaponized piece of economic clout. Examples would be Russia, cutting off Ukraine's grain, Iran threatening to cut off Irael's oil shipments, and of course, as always, the ongoing trade conflicts with the U.S. and China.

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## OMB Issues Final Rule for Infrastructure Buy America Preferences

## By <u>James R. Holbein</u>, Of Counsel, Braumiller Law Group PLLC

The Office of Management and Budget ("OMB"), Made in America Office issued a Final Rule to clarify the Build America, Buy America Act ("BABA") provisions of the Infrastructure

Investment and Jobs Act 4 ("IIJA") and to clarify existing provisions related to domestic preferences. The Final Rule amends Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations ("CFR"), subtitle A, chapter I by adding a new Part 184 to support implementation of BABA.

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# Overview of BIS's Interim Final Rules, Export Controls for Advanced Computing,

## By <u>Megan Mohler</u>, Senior Associate, Braumiller Law Group

On October 25, 2023, the Bureau of Industry and Security ("BIS") published interim final rules amending the Export Administration Regulations ("EAR") to add/clarify new controls on semiconductor manufacturing equipment



("SME"), advanced computing integrated circuits ("IC"), and computer commodities containing them.

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### **International Trade Compliance Consultants and The Value Proposition**

#### By Linnea Deeds, Director of Educational Services, Braumiller Consulting Group

Maximizing value is crucial when companies contemplate bringing on external support for any organizational function. While a company may consider several value categories, this article explores five primary categories – productivity, profitability, image, experience, and convenience. By maintaining a value



proposition mindset when requesting consultant resources, selecting consultants, and working with consultants, trade compliance professionals leverage the benefits of external experts.

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### **Employee Education in Compliance Training**

## By <u>Linnea Deeds</u>, Director of Educational Services, Braumiller Consulting Group

Employee education supports organizational growth and development. Its benefits are generally well known, but how do you ensure that training, in any form, generates the outcomes and advances you desire? Measuring and benchmarking success can be especially difficult when creating customized



training programs, which are often needed for international trade compliance topics.

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## The Domino Effect: What Would an Invasion of Taiwan Mean for Global Trade

### By Victoria Holmes, Braumiller Law Group

<u>Tensions</u> are escalating in the South China Sea, a vital maritime route for international trade. Taiwan remains at the center of this conflict and in an increasingly interconnected world, the prospect of a Taiwan invasion has far-reaching implications for global trade and

geopolitics. It's becoming even more crucial to understand the potential repercussions of such an event on the global economy as a potential invasion from China becomes increasingly more likely. This article explores the multifaceted impact of a Taiwan invasion on trade, focusing on the role of the U.S. Navy, the specter of World War III, disruption in vital supply chains, and its effect on the chip manufacturing industry.

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Partnering for Compliance Customs/Imports Boot Camp with Adrienne Braumiller and Bruce Leeds, Thursday, January 25th, 2024

Registration: 7th Annual (partneringforcompliance.org)



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