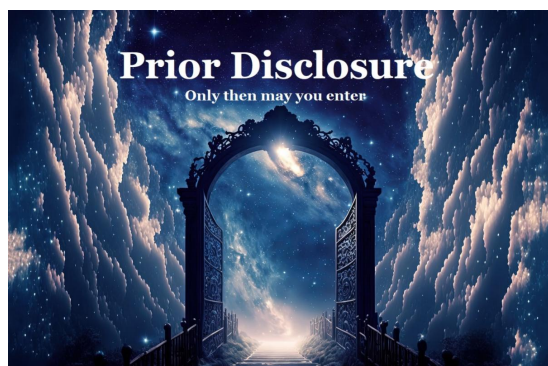


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Should You File a Prior Disclosure in 2023? Things to Consider

By: [Adrienne Braumiller](#), Founding Partner , and [Harold Jackson](#), Associate Attorney

2023 is more than a brand-new year – it is an opportunity for your company to prioritize supply chain security. For some companies, this means filing a prior disclosure with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Companies that are

frequent importers are seriously considering disclosing entry violations under the condition that Customs will not issue civil penalties against them.

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Exporting to Mexico

By [Brenda Cordova](#), Mexico Legal Counsel,
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This article covers some of the legal requirements that should be taken into consideration if your company is already exporting to Mexico or is considering doing so. If you are relocating to Mexico, or you are a producer, distributor, seller, etc., and the recipient of your goods is in Mexico because your client, final consumer, manufacturer, distributor, service provider, etc. is there, then, it is more than likely that you will be the exporter or the party responsible for reviewing and preparing some or all of the records needed to ship the goods to Mexico. Meanwhile, your counterpart in Mexico, who in most cases will be the importer, will be using most of those records to process the importation of the goods into Mexico and will be the one required to submit and file them before the Mexican customs authorities.

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Doing Business with China Continues to Get More Difficult for U.S. Companies

By: [Adrienne Braumiller](#), Founding Partner &
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The year 2022 saw a substantial increase in export restrictions applicable to China. The U.S. and China are not only in a trade war but there is also an effort by the U.S. to (1) prevent development of supercomputers, semiconductors and related products and technologies, and (2) prevent use of forced labor – especially involving the Uyghur minority in the Xinjiang region. U.S. companies planning to export to China are facing a new or revised set of restrictions that may make their business more challenging. Life is also more difficult for companies planning to import from China.

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Hot (or at least warm) Off the Press: Updates & Revisions to the ITAR

By [Bruce Leeds](#), Senior Counsel, Braumiller Law Group

The Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC) is continuing its project to revise and update the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR). Some of the changes are editorial and some are

substantive. If you are affected by the ITAR or think you might be, you will need to stay on top of the changes because some (or all) may affect you. Here is a summary of some of the recent changes. Most have taken effect, but one is in the comment stage.



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China and India, A Year Later, Post Invasion, Still Walking the Tightrope With the U.S. as They Continue to Set Records in Trade with Russia

By [Bob Brewer](#), Braumiller Law Group

China's trade with Russia hit a record \$190 billion U.S. in 2022, key operative word “record.” China is setting a course to become Russia's top trade partner and prove to the world just what the “no limits” partnership can produce. An additional “maybe some limits” friend to Russia among the world’s larger economies is India. Not just via the buying of the cheap Russian oil, but other goods as well. India's imports from Russia rose to \$32.88 billion in the last nine months of 2022, up from roughly \$7 billion a year ago. Yep, almost 5x’s greater than the prior calendar year. Impressive to those ignoring the war. India’s longstanding friendship with Russia isn’t going away anytime soon, as the dependence on military gear and direction makes it rather dependent on the Kremlin.

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That's Not 'Buy America' Various Origin Requirements in the United States for Importers

By Harold Jackson, Associate Attorney,
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You've probably heard about the many recent changes to the "Buy America" and procurement rules, starting with Executive Orders in the late 2010's under then President

Trump, several sessions of Congress, and modifications by President Biden. These changes have prompted questions from importers. What is Buy America? What sort of waivers will, or will not, apply to my imported merchandise? Can I still put "made in USA" on it? Do I really have to do this to avoid China tariffs? Does my product really need to be 95% domestic iron or steel? The answer to the last one is 'yes' – but only if you're selling to a project funded by the government.

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