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Welcome to our Summer 2021 edition of our International Briefing.

This briefing focuses on recent legislative developments that we consider of interest to our international clients.

The new German Transparency Register and Financial Information Act introduces notification obligations for all companies registered in Germany.

The German FDI regulations have been brought into line with the EU Screening Regulation and aim to protect technological sovereignty in Germany's most important industries.

The German Act to Modernise the Partnership Law has been adopted by the German Bundestag, and you will find an overview what this new law means for German partnerships.

We also inform on the new German Supply Chain Due Diligence Act and its implication for business activities in the People's Republic of China.

And unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic is not gone and our real estate experts provide an overview on the COVID-related developments in German real estate law.

We hope that you will find the information provided helpful in your daily business.

Enjoy the reading and stay safe!

Best regards,

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1. BEITEN BURKHARDT ranked by The Legal 500 EMEA and by Best Lawyers

The 2021 edition of The Legal 500 EMEA ranks BEITEN BURKHARDT among the leading law firms in 19 practice areas. In addition, numerous lawyers are included in the ranking and on the list of recommendations.

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Best Lawyers currently also published the ranking of best lawyers for Germany, and 82 lawyers of BEITEN BURKHADT are recommended.

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2. Press Releases of the Corporate/M&A practice group since 29 March 2021

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22.06.2021	BEITEN BURKHARDT advises Trayport on takeover of Tradesignal	Press Release
18.06.2021	BEITEN BURKHARDT advises apetito AG on the strategic sale of the business operations of apetito convenience AG & Co. KG	Press Release
09.06.2021	BEITEN BURKHARDT advises Capitalmind on strategic transaction with Investec	Press Release
31.05.2021	BEITEN BURKHARDT advises Suzhou TZTEK Technology Co Ltd on the takeover of MueTec Automatisierte Mikroskopie und Messtechnik GmbH	Press Release
28.04.2021	BEITEN BURKHARDT advises Wire Group Holdings GmbH on conclusion of series B financing	Press Release
21.04.2021	BEITEN BURKHARDT advises owner on the sale of intensive Care Service Lebenswert GmbH to a Korian Group Company	Press Release
19.04.2021	BEITEN BURKHARDT advises Aesculap AG on acquisition of majority interest in SCHÖLLY FIBEROPTIC GmbH	Press Release
29.03.2021	BEITEN BURKHARDT advises Hellenstein SolarWind on acquisition of a wind farm	Press Release

3. Transparency Register – New notification obligation for all companies

Authors: Petra Bolle | Tassilo Klesen | Dr Julia Offermanns | Dr Winfried Richardt

The new German Transparency Register and Financial Information Act (*Transparenzregister- und Finanzinformationsgesetz, TraFinG*) is designed to make some significant changes to the Transparency Register obligations, which are part of the German Money Laundering Act (*Geldwäschegesetz, GwG*). The Act will enter into force on 1 August 2021 and includes obligations which apply on foreign companies.

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4. German investment control: Just one piece of the puzzle

Authors: Dr Rainer Bierwagen | Dr Christian von Wistinghausen

The 17th Amendment of the German Foreign Trade Ordinance (*AWV* in German) entered into force on 1 May 2021. It was preceded by a draft of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy ("*BMWi*") that was published in late January 2021 and a public debate. While the Federal Government considerably tightens and expands the control of investments and the scope of its application, the final rules are not as far-reaching as the draft. The amendment brings the German Foreign Trade Ordinance into line with the EU Screening Regulation and aims to protect technological sovereignty in Germany's most important industries.

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5. MoPeG is adopted – now what?

Author: Roland Startz

The German Act to Modernise the Partnership Law (*Gesetz zur Modernisierung des Personengesellschaftsrechts*, in short MoPeG) has been adopted by the German Bundestag and is currently awaiting proclamation. Countless partnerships under German civil law (*Gesellschaften bürgerlichen Rechts*, also called GbR or BGB-Gesellschaften) are now asking what this new law means for them.

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6. The German Supply Chain Due Diligence Act and its implication for businesses in the People`s Republic of China

Authors: Dr André Depping | Simon Henke | Dr Daniel Walden

On June 11, 2021, the German parliament passed the Supply Chain Due Diligence Act after a lengthy back-and-forth. The draft bill had been the talk of the town since at least February 2021. After months of wrangling, the German Government initially agreed on a compromise on human rights due diligence in the supply chain and presented a draft to this effect. However, the draft continued to be the subject of hot debate. In the end, a final compromise was reached, and the German Parliament passed an amended version of the bill before the upcoming federal election in Germany.

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7. The effects of the Coronavirus on real estate law

Authors: Klaus Beine | Dr Angela Kogan

The "coronavirus" or "COVID-19 pandemic" issue ("COVID-19 PANDEMIC") has been given considerable attention in real estate law in recent months.

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