Economic Sanctions & Export Controls

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- day-to-day transactional advice
- permit applications
- investigations
- litigation

Experience

- An NYSE-listed buyer and a Canadian technology target company in a pre-closing independent investigation of potential sanctions and export control violations and subsequent voluntary disclosures to the RCMP, Global Affairs Canada, CBSA as well as the US Commerce Department (BIS) and Treasury Department (OFAC). The matter was completed with no prosecution and the transaction closed.
- A leading international investment firm in relation to a sanctions violation, voluntary disclosure and permit application to Global Affairs Canada;
- A Canadian oil & gas services company in an internal investigation of alleged Iran sanctions violations and related customs fraud;
- A Canadian public company in relation to successful permit applications to Global Affairs Canada in connection with sales to a sanctioned country;
- A Canadian engineering company with respect to the seizure by CBSA and ultimate release of turbines destined for Iran. We filed an application with the Federal Court and the matter was ultimately resolved with a consent order against the Minister of Foreign Affairs;
- Several Canadian public and private companies, as well as Canadian subsidiaries of global multinationals in relation to disclosures of potential: sanctions, export controls, controlled goods and corruption violations to Export Development Canada, the Controlled Goods Program, the Export and Import Controls Bureau, Canada Border Services Agency and the RCMP.

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