

COVID-19 UK Weekly Webinar – April 14, 2020

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The COVID-19 pandemic is undoubtedly the biggest public health crisis of our times. Like many other countries, the UK Government has exercised broad powers and passed new laws that impact how we do business and interact as a society.

To address the pandemic, the Government announced several sweeping regulations and ushered through the Coronavirus Act 2020. These actions have a broad impact on law, public policy and daily life, impacting areas including health, social welfare, commerce, trade, competition, employment and the free movement of people.

Join our team of Gibson Dunn London lawyers, led by partner and former Lord Chancellor Charlie Falconer QC, for a discussion of these changes and to answer your questions on how they will affect British businesses and community, including the impact on new and ongoing business relationships.

In this webinar we will cover:

- Recent competition and consumer law developments, including changes to antitrust, merger control and consumer protection policy
- Business support measures announced by the UK Government, with a focus on the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme for small and large businesses and the Coronavirus Corporate Finance Facility
- The potential triggering of force majeure clauses and related doctrines in commercial agreements governed by English law

We want to hear from you about the impacts the current measures and conditions are having on your business and the legal issues you are facing. We therefore welcome suggested topics, as well as questions in advance of each webinar, to ensure that we can address issues relevant to your business.

PANELISTS:

Charlie Falconer QC: An English qualified barrister and Gibson Dunn partner. Former UK Lord Chancellor and first Secretary of State for Justice, he spent 25 years as a commercial barrister, and became a QC in 1991

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