

Webcast: How ESG Can Inform International Trade Compliance, and Vice Versa

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Human rights are a shared concern of international trade compliance professionals and those responsible for developing policies to implement the Social (“S”) element of company ESG programs, but the leads for each are not always in conversation. However, recent developments, especially with respect to international trade regulation, require both to be in the same room and to work together to integrate due diligence, monitoring, and reporting across business functions. In this CLE webinar, we review several areas of convergence in export control, sanctions, and import regulation and S-focused ESG standards, and share practical strategies International Trade and ESG professionals can follow to make the most of this convergence in their compliance and ESG programs.

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