

# Webcast: Sanctions and Export Controls: Key Regulatory and Enforcement Trends

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Policymakers in Washington and other allied capitals have continued to push the limits of economic statecraft by imposing new sanctions and export controls on major economies such as Russia and China, and aggressively enforcing existing measures. A recent surge of collaboration among sister agencies and partner countries has also sharply increased the compliance burden on multinational firms. To help make sense of this fast-shifting landscape, attorneys from Gibson Dunn explain how U.S. sanctions and export controls work, discuss notable new trade restrictions and recent record-setting enforcement activity, and share best practices in multi-agency and multi-jurisdictional investigations and defense.

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