

Navigating the waves of tumultuous trade compliance

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Chris is a Principal in KPMG's Trade & Customs practice with more than 20 years of international trade experience, including a decade with KPMG in the United Kingdom. He advises companies across the pharmaceutical, automotive, electronics, and aerospace sectors on U.S. and E.U. customs law and designs best-in-class global import and export processes. Chris leads teams of trade and customs professionals across the U.S. and internationally to deliver a full range of services, with a particular emphasis on duty savings strategies and process improvement for import and export operations. His practical, cross-border perspective helps organizations optimize compliance and capture measurable value from their trade programs



Mollie Sitkowski, Trade Compliance Partner, Faegre Drinker

A recognized authority in trade compliance, Mollie combines a deep understanding of regulatory frameworks with a results-driven approach, making her a trusted advisor for companies operating in high-stakes international markets. Mollie's practice focuses on import/export regulations, forced labor, sanctions compliance, and national security-related matters, including those administered and enforced by the Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC), the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR), the Department of Commerce's Bureaus of Industry and Security (BIS) and Census, the Department of State's Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC), and the Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). With a deep understanding of the complexities surrounding U.S. export controls, trade restrictions, and foreign investment, Mollie advises multinational corporations, small businesses, and individuals on navigating the complex landscape of trade compliance, mitigate legal risks, and ensure compliance with both U.S. and international regulatory requirements.



Poonam Arora, Director of Global Trade Compliance & Government Contracts, Arnold Magnetic Technologies

Poonam is a Global Trade & Customs Compliance Executive with 25+ years leading import/export, government contracts, and ESG programs across aerospace, manufacturing, and industrial sectors. Poonam holds an MBA from Ottawa University and is also Licensed Customs Broker and Certified Export Compliance Officer with expertise in ITAR, EAR, OFAC, and BIS. Through this, she has championed risk mitigation using auditing, training and technology to gain advantage, reconciliation and implementation to build the Trade Compliance program from the ground up. Beyond trade compliance, she has led compliance efforts with FAR/DFAR requirements related to Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) initiatives and has managed intricate tariff changes and overseeing the import of rare earth materials. She recently completed Texas Executive Education Sustainability Leadership Program from Texas McCombs School of Business.