

Sanctions and export controls in the global era: UK, EU, US and Chinese policy and enforcement developments

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On 16 June 2026, Baker McKenzie launched its Annual Compliance Conference Webinar Series with a session focusing on sanctions and export controls across the UK, EU, U.S., China, and other key jurisdictions. The panel, chaired by Tristan Grimmer, explored recent policy developments and enforcement trends, highlighting the increasingly complex nature of global sanctions regimes and how businesses can position themselves to manage their impact on business operations.

The speakers examined how approaches are diverging across jurisdictions, with the EU adopting an ever more expansive approach and the UK, despite broadly aligning itself, adopting measures that differ from the EU in important areas. They also discussed the shift towards more assertive enforcement; whilst the U.S. remains focused on China and supply chain risks, the EU is increasing cross-border coordination amongst regulators, and the frequency of enforcement cases is rising significantly in the UK.

A key theme for the panel was the growing extraterritorial reach of sanctions and resulting conflicts between regimes, particularly as the EU and U.S. increasingly target non-domestic actors and China issues assertive countermeasures, including blocking orders. Having discussed these developments, the panel emphasised the importance for clients to adopt a proactive and globally balanced compliance approach, with an enhanced awareness of supply chain risks, third-country exposures, and evolving enforcement priorities.



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