

# Webcast: 2025 Sanctions and Export Enforcement Trends

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The U.S. enforcement environment governing international trade has intensified significantly in 2025. Since the start of the Trump Administration's second term, U.S. trade policy has seen a sharp resurgence in unilateral tariffs accompanied by the risk of False Claims Act scrutiny, alongside an emphasis on increased sanctions and export enforcement under the administration's America First Trade Policy. Enforcement activity continues to target specific countries and sectors, with sustained attention on sanctions, export controls, tariffs, and antiboycott regulations. From escalating tariff measures to multi-agency regulatory actions, understanding the evolving compliance expectations is more critical than ever. In this webinar, we examine the key enforcement trends, policy shifts, and practical compliance strategies shaping today's global trade landscape.

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