

# Webcast: CFIUS and German FDI Review – A Comparative Discussion and Focus on Practical Implications

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The regulations governing the activities of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) and the German foreign direct investment review regime have both been evolving at an unprecedented pace in recent years as geopolitical events raise the level of risk stemming from foreign investments. While partly motivated by similar drivers, the U.S. and German approaches to foreign investment still differ significantly, adding a layer of regulatory complexity for multinational businesses navigating different regimes. Hear from our experienced national security and CFIUS/FDI practitioners in the U.S. and Germany about the operation and impact of the CFIUS regime on the one hand and the German foreign direct investment review regime on the other and how they are examined in contrast to each other. We discuss:

1. The policy considerations shaping investment control laws in the U.S. and in Germany including its ties to the EU level;
2. The features of the German foreign direct investment review regime, its impact on multinational companies and its place within the EU's broader regulatory ecosystem;
3. The features and recent developments of CFIUS;
4. How the German regime compares and contrasts CFIUS, and the practical implications resulting; and
5. Key developments to watch in this evolving geopolitical landscape.

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