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With the launch of the new U.S. Department of Justice/Department of Homeland Security cross-agency Trade Fraud Task Force, importers and their affiliates are at heightened risk of criminal and civil enforcement actions for alleged violations of tariffs, duties, and import restrictions. In this recorded webinar, we explore the theories of criminal prosecution the DOJ has used in the past to prosecute tariff evasion, the investigative tools they might employ, scenarios that are most likely to attract regulatory scrutiny, and the steps companies can take to mitigate their risk of enforcement.

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