

Webcast: U.S. Tariff Policy: Navigating Uncharted Waters

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The recent flurry of tariff announcements from the Trump Administration has further roiled the already uncertain trade environment facing countries and companies around the world. These new tariffs are set against the backdrop of increasingly complicated relationships between Washington and other states and continued doubts of the legality of many of the President's tariffs. Join Gibson Dunn experts — including former senior trade officials — to discuss the latest announcements, what we know and don't know, what we might expect going forward, and how global corporates can best navigate the uncertainties.

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