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U.S. TPP Objectives: Food Safety; *Food Safety Modernization Act*; ICC Arbitration Guide

FEATURES



U.S. TPP Objectives: Food Safety (TBT and SPS)

Non-tariff trade barriers, such as duplicative testing and unscientific regulations imposed on food and agricultural goods, are among the biggest challenges facing exporters across the Asia-Pacific region. An effective regulatory program should protect the public interest - for example in health, safety, and environmental protection - and do so in a manner that is no more trade restrictive than necessary to achieve the policy goal. The United States is therefore seeking in TPP to strengthen rules intended to eliminate unwarranted technical barriers to trade (TBT) and build upon WTO commitments in this area, and to ensure that sanitary and phytosanitary measures (SPS) are developed and implemented in a transparent, science-based manner. ...



U.S. FDA, Food Safety Modernization Act and Foreign Supplier Verification Program

The U.S. Food & Drug Administration has released a number of proposed rules based on the Food Safety Modernization Act, including the Foreign Supplier Verification Program, and is mandated by law to release final rules in 2015 and 2016. Companies would be wise to follow the rule-making closely, and be prepared to comply with the new rules as they are released. These new regulations include requirements for:



Effective Management of Arbitration - A Guide for In-House Counsel and Others

ICC Guide (free 65-page pdf download) provides in-house counsel and other party representatives, such as managers and government officials, with a practical toolkit for making decisions on how to conduct an arbitration in a time- and cost-effective manner, having regard to the complexity and value of the dispute. The guide can also assist outside counsel in working with party representatives to that effect.

Events



Tue, Jun 17

Cloud Computing Technology - International Experience and Implications for Vietnam

- State management for computer technology in banking system
- Financial Services and the Impact of New

Tilleke & Gibbins

Wed, Jun 25

Vietnam's New Land Law: Major impacts on Foreign Developers

At this event, Dr. Vinh Quoc Nguyen, Sr. Attorney-at-Law from Tilleke & Gibbins, will briefly discuss the trends of the new Land Law, and the major



AMCHAM PALOOZA

Wed, Jun 25

AmCham Palooza Party at InterContinental Asiana Saigon

AmCham will continue its series of monthly informal

Technology

- Law and Regulatory Policy Meets Data in the Cloud
- Panel Discussion

changes of the new law and how they will affect foreign developers.

The topics will include: (1) The new forms of land acquisition; (2) New conditions for obtaining land; (3) New ways of pricing the land by the government; and (4) New favorable conditions for residential developers.

networking events at the coolest and latest nightspots in Ho Chi Minh City.

The regular Palooza Party is a platform to develop new friendships, networking opportunities and information exchange. People from all age groups are welcome to attend - there's no age limit, you just have to be young at heart!



20th Annual
AmCham Independence Day Celebration and Family Picnic
Saturday, June 28, 2014 **Riverside Apartments**
11:30am - 05:00pm **53 Vo Truong Toan, Thao Dien, District 2**

Join AmCham members, friends and family to enjoy a celebration of our traditional American holiday and cultural party. Besides live entertainment and games for kids of all ages with many nice prizes, there is an array of classic American food from many restaurants in HCMC. Free flow of cold beer, wine, soft drinks will also be served to cool you down. And many great door prizes and raffle prizes, including 7 tickets to the USA on ANA/United Airlines, Emirates, EVA Air are waiting for you!

[More details and ticket booking](#)



PRIZES Needed for Raffle of the 20th Annual AmCham U.S. Independence Day Celebration & Family Picnic in HCM City

The AmCham U.S. Independence Day is almost here! We need your help to provide prizes for the Raffle Prizes and Door Prizes. Prizes can be, but are not limited to, hotel stays, dining vouchers, gift sets, toy, premium items, ...

As a donor to our event, your company logo will be displayed in our event page on website and event banner. If interest, please contact [Ms. Lily Nguyen](#).

Committee Activities



Food & Beverage Committee (3rd Thu)

When: Thursday, Jun 19, 2014 - 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Where: New World Hotel Saigon

Hospitality & Tourism Committee (2nd Wed)

When: Wednesday, Aug 13, 2014 - 9:00am - 10:30am

Where: Renaissance Riverside Hotel Saigon

Hospitality & Tourism Committee (2nd Wed)

When: Wednesday, Oct 08, 2014 - 9:00am - 10:30am

Where: Renaissance Riverside Hotel Saigon

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DIỄN ĐÀN KINH DOANH

Forbes Vietnam Business Forum, July 3

To celebrate the 1st year anniversary of Forbes Vietnam, Forbes Vietnam Business Forum, the biggest business event of the year will be held in July 3rd at Intercontinental Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City. This forum gathers leading speakers and business leaders in Vietnam. Delegate attendance at the Forbes Vietnam - Business Forum 2014 is limited to the qualified titles (usually Chairman, Vice Chairman, CEO, President, C suite and Director level from Vietnam and global company). The conference participation fee of US\$500 includes the costs of all conference sessions of Forbes Vietnam - Business Forum, Gala Dinner: 1st year anniversary of Forbes Vietnam and conference documentation. Fee does not include travel and accommodation costs.

Korean Air Launches Service to Houston



Korean Air, America's largest Asian airline, is launched nonstop service between Houston's George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) and Incheon International Airport in Seoul, beginning in May 2014.

The inaugural flight took place on May 2, with service aboard a B777-200 aircraft. Nonstop flights connecting the two destinations depart from the Terminal D facility at Bush Intercontinental Airport (at 10:40 am) every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. More on Korean Air's programs, routes, frequencies and partners is available at www.koreanair.com.



Join in the Celebration at FunCity! with Miss Vietnam, Saturday, June 21

Please join in the celebration as FunCity! rolls out of its new video arcade. FunCity! is Saigon's new entertainment destination offering 8,500 square meters of affordable entertainment, food, beverage and shopping. In addition to nightly "open mike" dining street, Saturday's dinner show features Miss Vietnam and 8 other live acts. at 634 bis Phạm Văn Chí, P8, Q6, Tp HCM.



2nd SEMI® Vietnam Semiconductor Summit, Sep 16-17

brings together executives of the world's leading microelectronics companies with delegates representing Vietnamese government, academia, research, and industry to explore and discuss the key strategies, challenges, and opportunities in growing the Vietnam semiconductor industry. The event will bring together the key decision-makers shaping the future of the industry in Vietnam and help forge the connections and relationships that will drive growth over the next decade and beyond. ...



Networking Opportunities with AmCham HCMC

AmCham HCMC offers many opportunities to market your company's products and services to AmCham members, the business community and the general public. Our services include:

- Event Sponsorship
- Event Management Support
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- Announcement in Weekly Email: 4,500+ AmCham company representatives and subscribers.

AmCham Member Companies are offered 3 compliment announcements in 2014.

- Print advertising in AmCham Membership Directory
- Print advertising in AmCham Membership Discount Handbook
- Advertising on AmCham Discount Online

News and Issues Updates



Suntory PepsiCo Vietnam Beverage's environmental protection programs

In response to World Environment Day and World Ocean Day, from 5 to 7 June 2014, Suntory PepsiCo Vietnam Beverage (SPVB), in conjunction with Departments of Natural Resources and Environment, local agencies and the Youth Union, carried out a host of environmental protection activities. This is one of a series of SPVB's environmental protection programs held each year. The activities attracted the enthusiastic engagement of hundreds of the company's employees, and were carried out across all SPVB's offices and plants across the country including Bac Ninh City, Da Nang City, Ho Chi Minh City, Can Tho City and Dong Nai province.



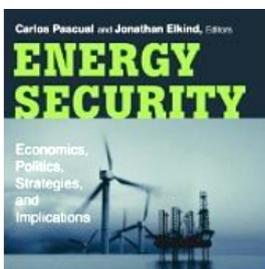
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Energy Security: Economics, Politics, Strategies, and Implications

Energy security is a top priority issue for the United States and countries around the globe, but what does the term "energy security" really mean? For many it is assuring the safe supply and transport of energy as a matter of national security. For others it is developing and moving toward sustainable and low-carbon energy sources to avoid environmental catastrophe, while still others prioritize affordability and abundance of supply. The demand for energy has ramifications in every part of the globe -from growing demand in Asia, to the pursuit of reserves in Latin America and Africa, to the East Sea ...



Endgame: Challenges in Finalizing the TPP Negotiations

What are (1) the goals that the United States is trying to achieve through the TPP agreement, and why has this negotiation has become the cornerstone of U.S. trade policy? (2) the current state of TPP negotiations as they reach their final critical stage? (3) the influence of U.S. domestic politics on U.S. trade policy, especially as it impinges on the ability to renew "Trade Promotion Authority" and pave the way for the ratification of the completed TPP deal? ...



FAQ: How can I find detailed information on imports into the U.S. by company?

What if you could monitor the goods and raw materials that any company imports into the U.S. the day it crosses U.S. customs? Country of origin? and even company of origin, supplier's name? There are websites that track the detailed import/export activity at America's ports. Every vessel that enters and leaves the United States is required to submit shipping records that document its cargo.



U.S. textile and apparel objectives in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement

U.S. textile and apparel manufacturers sold more than \$10 billion worth of products to TPP countries in 2013. Many U.S. yarns, fabrics, and apparel currently face tariffs as high as 20% in some TPP countries. Our goal is to remove tariff and non-tariff barriers to textile and apparel exports to enhance the competitiveness of our producers in the Asia-Pacific region, and ...

A "yarn forward" rule of origin, which requires that textile and apparel products be made using U.S. or other TPP country yarns and fabrics to qualify for the benefits of the agreement;
A "short supply" list, which would allow fabrics, yarns, and fibers that are not commercially available in the United States or other TPP countries to be sourced from non-TPP countries and used in the production of apparel in the TPP region without losing duty preference;

2014 Mid-Term VBF: PM reassures FDI investors, who offer many recommendations

Prime Minister Dung said "Vietnam is a nation with social and political stability, fast and sustainable economic development and a friendly investment environment." Council of Taiwan Chambers President Liu Mei The said that Vietnam would attract more investors, but this depended on what the Government will do to make investors safe, she said . The Vietnam Business Forum offers an opportunity for a "structured dialogue" between Government officials and Vietnam and FDI business representatives.



Taiwanese firms seek compensation for riots damage

Taiwanese companies are seeking cash compensation and interest-free loans from Vietnam's government after hundreds of factories were damaged last month in violent anti-China protests. Taiwan's cabinet has said 408 of its companies were ransacked by protesters and 24 facilities set on fire, with total losses estimated at as much as \$500 million. Serena Liu, chairwoman of





the Council of Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce in Vietnam, said in an interview in Hanoi. "The government has to work harder. They have already showed their sincerity to solve the problem."



Bill Gates isn't qualified for a work permit in Vietnam

The procedures and regulations required to obtain a work permit in Vietnam contain so many unreasonable requirements that even the world renowned business magnate would not be able to obtain one, said attendees at an economic forum.

Fred Burke of the firm Baker & McKenzie told the Mid-term Vietnam Business Forum 2014 in Hanoi that one of his foreign employees has failed to get a work permit in Ho Chi Minh City, in spite of his three years of experience and an education from a top U.S. university.

As per the current regulation, foreign laborers are only granted a work permit if they have at least five years of work experience and four years of university education; so even Bill Gates would not be qualified to work in Vietnam, he said. ...



National Assembly to pass law on demonstrations

National Assembly Deputy Truong Trong Nghia from HCMC said the State had regulations ensuring demonstration rights and activities but a legal framework had not been put in place. This is one of the reasons why the agencies concerned have not dealt with extremist protesters effectively, causing negative impacts on production and the life of people.

Nghia disagreed with an idea that a demonstration law would lead to troubles. On the contrary, competent agencies feel confused to cope with protests and workers' actions against China's illegal deployment of Haiyang Shiyou-981 oil rig within Vietnam's exclusive economic zone and continental shelf was a case in point.



Samsung mulls \$1 billion investment in Saigon Hi-Tech Park

HCMC vice chairman Le Manh Ha confirmed the news with the Daily on June 5 but did not elaborate. A SHTP representative did not confirm the company's fresh investment but did say a foreign investor was considering a project worth US\$1 billion there. The representative said this micro-electronics project would be licensed in the third quarter of this year if everything went smoothly.



Marubeni to pay \$88 million for FCPA violations in Indonesia milk

A U.S. District Court ordered Marubeni Corp., a Japanese trading company, to pay an \$88 million fine for its role in a scheme to bribe Indonesian officials to win an electricity contract as a part of a joint venture with French power-equipment maker Alstom S.A.



VCCI Chairman Vu Tien Loc, leaders from HCMC, Binh Duong, Dong Nai meet FBA

(Foreign Business Associations) representatives on May 30 to discuss recovery measures, including compensation and insurance, workers' salaries, work permits, etc. especially for those that suffered directly from the damage caused by riots on May 13-14. They were informed that follow-on losses from disruptions in production and supply chains, business and leisure travel, may be greater than the immediate losses.

