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Steptoe partner Brian Egan was quoted in an article in World ECR’s special report on China titled “FIRRMA Grip.” The article discusses government efforts to tighten controls on investment in critical industries to slow China’s goal to be the world leader in technology.

In Washington, the watchdog keeping an eye on China is the powerful Committee for Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), which was further strengthened in 2018 with the Foreign Investment Risk Review Modernization Act (FIRRMA).

Egan says that investors have had to become savvy about CFIUS regulations. “This has led to investors, either sovereign wealth funds or private equity funds who are frequent players in this space with start-ups or others, asking: ‘Has the start-up company done what it needs to do to be sure that it’s protected from a CFIUS perspective? Have they gone through filings where they are required or otherwise warranted?’”

The full article can be read here.

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