Overview

(June 20, 2016, Washington, DC) — For the second year in a row, Steptoe has been named “Export Control Law Firm of the Year” by WorldECR magazine. In addition, Steptoe partner Meredith Rathbone has been recognized as a “highly commended” export control practitioner. Now in its second year, the WorldECR Awards “recognize outstanding work, vision, best practice, commercial benefit to the company, and contribution to international security of organizations and individuals working in the fields of export control and sanctions compliance and nonproliferation.”

In the June 2016 issue of the magazine, the editors write, “Steptoe’s DC office is home to some of the country’s most highly regarded lawyers and their work commands respect throughout the export compliance community.” That work includes advising a major aerospace client on its corporate and contractual expansion into the international market for unmanned aerial systems falling within Category I and Category II of the Missile Technology Control Regime.

In addition, Ms. Rathbone has represented the Coalition for Responsible Cybersecurity in its efforts to challenge the proposed introduction into the US of Wassenaar Arrangement intrusion software controls, presenting on the topic at numerous BIS Technical Advisory Committee meetings as well as conducting congressional outreach. Her efforts resulted in the US government agreeing to seek renegotiation of the rule with other Wassenaar Arrangement members in 2016.

Steptoe’s Export Control practice covers the dual use, military and nuclear regulatory regimes, and regularly assists clients with challenging issues under US and EU laws.

About Steptoe

Steptoe & Johnson LLP is an international law firm widely recognized for vigorous advocacy in complex litigation and arbitration, successful representation of clients before governmental agencies, and creative and practical advice in guiding business transactions. The firm has more than 500 lawyers and other professionals in offices in Beijing, Brussels, Chicago, London, Los Angeles, New York, Palo Alto, Phoenix and Washington. For more information, visit www.steptoe.com.