Overview

Steptoe's London office is at the heart of one of the world's leading financial centers. Our lawyers provide clients around the world with a range of legal services to achieve their most important business objectives in an increasingly complex and challenging world.

We help clients facing multijurisdictional, cross-border challenges by providing them with access to lawyers who are fluent in a multitude of languages, including Farsi, French, German, Hindi, Italian, Latvian, Japanese, Russian, Spanish, Ukrainian, and Urdu.

Steptoe's London lawyers are recognised in a number of core practice areas by leading publications such as Legal 500 and Chambers UK, and work closely with their colleagues across Steptoe's other offices.

We provide advice in several practice areas, including:

- Anti-Corruption
- Construction
- Commercial Real Estate
- Corporate/M&A/Private Equity
- EU Law
- Export Control
- Insurance & Reinsurance
- Internet, Telecom & Media
- Litigation and Arbitration
- Sanctions
- White-Collar Crime

We have built a strong reputation for providing top-quality regulatory, contentious, and transactional advice across many industry sectors.

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COVID-19 Impact on Business Conduct in the UK

For additional guidance, please refer to Steptoe’s COVID-19 Resource Center.

As the global COVID-19 pandemic continues to have significant implications for businesses around the globe, our London-based team of lawyers can address a number of issues arising for entities with operations or commercial interests on the UK markets.

**Antitrust/EU Competition/State Aids:**

UK Issues Guidance on Approach to Merger Assessments during the COVID-19 Pandemic
May 5, 2020

UK Competition Law and COVID-19
April 3, 2020

**Business Operations:**

United Kingdom: New Guidance on Holding AGMs During COVID-19
June 15, 2020

Cross-Border M&A Challenges During COVID-19: An Overview for Buyers and Sellers
June 1, 2020

COVID-19: Companies House Changes to Filings in April 2020
May 7, 2020

COVID-19: Key Issues for Corporate Reorganizations in England and Wales
April 21, 2020

Changes to the UK Insolvency Rules: Assistance for Directors
April 3, 2020

Filing Accounts in the UK During COVID-19
April 3, 2020

**Contracts:**

COVID-19 and Business Interruption Insurance Under English Law
May 1, 2020

COVID-19: English Law Contracts – Force Majeure, Frustration, and Other Relief
April 3, 2020

Options for Conducting Commercial Disputes in England during COVID-19
April 3, 2020

**Financial Services:**

Three Very Different Perspectives on the FCA’s Statements About Insurance and the Coronavirus: Reinsurance, Competition and Bilateral Investment Treaties
May 4, 2020

New UK Financial Conduct Authority Guidance Regarding Expectation on Insurance Firms Conduct During COVID-19
April 3, 2020

UK Regulatory and Law Enforcement, and COVID-19
April 3, 2020

**Government Support:**

UK Government Launches Future Fund for Innovative Companies
June 1, 2020

COVID-19 Support for UK Businesses
April 14, 2020
Trade:
UK Trade - Implications Arising From COVID-19
April 6, 2020

Travel, Hospitality, Energy & Other Highly Impacted Sectors:
COVID-19: Retail Sector Issues in England & Wales
April 30, 2020
COVID-19 Business Interruptions: Issues to Consider for Managing Real Estate in the UK
April 3, 2020

Regulatory Statements

Diversity Statistics
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Modern Slavery Act
To view Steptoe UK’s Modern Slavery Act Statement, click here.

UK Compliants Handling Policy
We want to give you the best possible service. However, if at any point you become unhappy or concerned about the service we have provided then you should inform us immediately, so that we can do our best to resolve the problem. In the first instance it may be helpful to contact the person who is working on your case to discuss your concerns, and we will do our best to resolve any issues at this stage. If you would like to make a formal complaint, click here to read our full complaints procedure. Making a complaint will not affect how we handle your case.

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- Within six months of receiving a final response to your complaint and
- No more than six years from the date of act/omission; or
- No more than three years from when you should reasonably have known there was cause for complaint

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