# The Importance of Supply Chain Compliance

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"The supply chain is where risk becomes most probable and most damaging. If there is a disaster looking for a place to happen, the supply chain seems an obvious candidate."

Robert Malone, Forbes Nov. 15, 2006

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## Supply Chain Compliance Issues:





Human Trafficking
Child Labor
Worker Health & Safety
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## **Human Trafficking & Child Labor**

- Tariff Act of 1930 (19 USC § 1307) Prohibits importing goods made with forced labor or indentured child labor.
- Trade Facilitation & Trade Enforcement Act of 2015 Eliminated the Tariff Act's "consumptive demand" exception.
- 19 C.F.R. 12.42 Authorizes CBP to detain and prevent importation of goods reasonably believed to fall within Tariff Act prohibitions.

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## Human Trafficking & Child Labor

- Executive Order 13126 (1999) Prohibits government procurement of goods made with forced labor or indentured child labor.
  - Requires contractors to certify good faith efforts to determine whether forced or child labor was used for certain products.
- Executive Order 13627 (2012) Required FAR amendments (effective 2015), strengthening prohibitions against trafficking in federal contractor supply chains.
  - Contractors with OUS work over \$500K must certify they have implemented anti-trafficking compliance programs.

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## Human Trafficking & Child Labor

- 18 U.S.C. § § 1581-1597— Establishes civil and criminal penalties for human trafficking, forced labor, and sex trafficking.
  - Up to 20 years in prison (or life in cases of kidnapping, sex abuse or death).
- **18 U.S.C. § 1593A** "Whoever knowingly benefits, financially or by receiving anything of value, from participation in a venture which has engaged in any act in violation of section 1581(a), 1592, or 1595(a), knowing **or in reckless disregard** of the fact that the venture has engaged in such violation, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned in the same manner as a completed violation of such section."

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Thursday, February 25, 2016

#### Brothers Sentenced To 20 Years For Running Violent Human Trafficking Enterprise

PHILADELPHIA – Mykhaylo Botsvynyuk, 38, and Yaroslav Churuk, 48, both of Ukraine, were each sentenced today to 20 years in prison for their roles in a human trafficking enterprise. The brothers were convicted at trial, on February 24, 2015, of conspiracy to violate RICO, in relation to several predicate offenses in furtherance of the conspiracy, including: a) peonage; b) involuntary servitude; c) extortion and attempted extortion; d) and several immigration offenses, including bringing aliens into the United States at a place other than a designated port of entry, encouraging or inducing illegal entry of aliens, transporting aliens, and harboring illegal aliens for purposes of financial gain. At the 2015 trial, the government presented the testimony of seven victims of trafficking and several family member victims from Ukraine who received extortionate threats of physical harm from other members of and associates of the enterprise.

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## Worker Health & Safety

- OHSAS 18001(1999) International standard for occupational health and safety management systems.
- ISO 45001 New international standard; scheduled to replace OHSAS 18001 in March 2018.
- Procurement Labor Statutes (Davis-Bacon, Contract Work Hours & Safety Standards Act, Walsh-Healy Public Contracts Act, etc.): Establish a web of labor protections applicable to contractors, subcontractors and suppliers on government contracts.

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Tuesday, August 26, 2014

#### Court Orders Circle C Construction, Llc To Pay \$762,894 For Violating The False Claims Act

NASHVILLE, Tenn. August 26, 2014? U.S. District Judge Kevin H. Sharp ordered Circle C Construction, LLC to pay \$762,894.54 to the United States for False Claims Act violations connected with a construction contract at Fort Campbell military base, announced David Rivera, U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee. Circle C is a construction contractor based in Kentucky.

The United States originally intervened in the lawsuit against Circle C in 2007. U.S. District Court Judge William J. Haynes entered summary judgment on both liability and damages for the United States in 2010. Following an appeal, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in 2012 upheld Judge Haynes' liability decision, finding that Circle C had submitted false payroll certifications to Fort Campbell that falsely claimed that Circle C was paying the required prevailing wages, under the Davis-Bacon Act, to workers on Circle C's construction contract at Fort Campbell, when Circle C was not actually paying those wages to the workers of its electrical subcontractor, Phase Tech. The Court of Appeals reversed Judge Haynes' original damages award in the case and remanded the case for a new trial on damages.

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#### **Environment**

- Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976 (15 U.S.C. § 2601): Prohibits importing, processing, or manufacturing certain chemicals (e.g., PCBs, lead, mercury).
- **EU REACH Regulations** (EC 1907/2006): Require EU manufacturers to register the chemicals in their products and demonstrate safety.
  - Does not apply directly to U.S. companies, but importers for U.S. manufacturers must register.
- **EU RoHS Regulations** (Directive 2002/95/EC): Impose restrictions on hazardous substances found in electronic products and components.

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#### **Conflict Minerals**

- Dodd-Frank Act of 2010 (15 U.S.C. § 78m(p)):
  - Requires publicly-traded companies to audit their supply chains and report the country of origin of any tantalum, tin, tungsten or gold.
- 17 C.F.R. 240.13p-1 and 17 C.F.R. 249b.400: Implement the Dodd-Frank conflict minerals reporting requirements. State that:
  - If minerals are from the DRC or an adjoining country, due diligence on source and chain of custody of the minerals is required.
  - That a company is not "DRC conflict-free" must be reported to the SEC and published on the company's website.

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# United States Court of Appeals for the district of columbia circuit

Decided August 18, 2015

No. 13-5252

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURERS, ET AL., APPELLANTS

v.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, ET AL., APPELLEES

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## **Trade Agreements**

- Tariff Act of 1930 (19 USC § 1304) Requires imports to be marked with their country of origin.
- Trade Agreements Act of 1979 (19 U.S.C. § § 2501–2581) Requires country of origin disclosures on U.S. government contracts, and significantly limits purchasing from "non-designated" countries.
- Buy American Act of 1933 (41 U.S.C. § § 8301-8305) Requires country of origin disclosures on U.S. government contracts, and establishes a purchasing preference for products mined or manufactured with components sourced here.

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Tuesday, August 19, 2014

#### Samsung Electronics America Agrees to Pay \$2.3 Million to Resolve False Claims Act Allegations

Samsung Electronics America Inc. (Samsung) has agreed to pay \$2.3 million to resolve allegations that it caused the submission of false claims for products sold on General Service Administration (GSA) Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) contracts in violation of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979 (TAA), the Justice Department announced today. Samsung is an electronics distributor and marketer headquartered in Ridgefield Park, New Jersey.

"The Department of Justice is committed to protecting public funds and guarding against abuse of federal procurement programs," said Assistant Attorney General Stuart F. Delery for the Justice Department's Civil Division. "This settlement upholds important trade priorities by ensuring that the United States only uses its buying power to purchase from countries that trade fairly with us."

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## **Trade Sanctions**

- Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) Regulations (31 C.F.R. 500, et seq.) - Prohibit or restrict U.S. companies from doing business with:
  - Embargoed nations, nationals of embargoed nations, or listed persons in economically sanctioned territories (e.g., Cuba, Iran, Syria, Ukraine); or
  - Specially designated nationals & blocked persons (e.g., drug cartels, terrorists, other international criminal organizations, and banks and agencies of embargoed countries).

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## Corruption

- Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 (15 U.S.C. § 78dd-1, et seq.):
  - Prohibits direct or indirect corrupt payments of anything of value to foreign officials to obtain or retain any improper business advantage.
  - Requires "issuers" to keep accurate books and records and maintain effective systems of internal accounting controls.
  - Creates liability for knowing (or willfully blind) payments through third party distributors, suppliers, consultants or agents.

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Thursday, November 4, 2010

Oil Services Companies and a Freight Forwarding Company Agree to Resolve Foreign Bribery Investigations and to Pay More Than \$156 Million in Criminal Penalties

SEC and Companies Agree to Civil Disgorgement and Penalties of Approximately \$80 Million

WASHINGTON – A global freight forwarding company, as well as five oil and gas service companies and subsidiaries, have all agreed to resolve investigations of Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) violations, the Department of Justice and U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) announced today. The companies have agreed to pay a total of \$15,555,000 in criminal penalties. Also today, the SEC announced its settlements with these companies, which involve civil disgorgement, interest and penalties totaling approximately \$80 million. The matters stem from an investigation that focused on allegations of foreign bribery in the oil field services industry.

In documents filed in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Panalpina World Transport (Holding) Ltd., a global freight forwarding and logistics services firm based in Basel, Switzerland, and its U.S.-based subsidiary, Panalpina Inc., admitted that the companies, through subsidiaries and affiliates (collectively "Panalpina"), engaged in a scheme to pay bribes to numerous foreign officials on behalf of many of its customers in the oil and gas industry. They did so in order to circumvent local rules and regulations relating to the import of goods and materials into numerous foreign jurisdictions. Panalpina admitted that between 2002 and 2007, it paid thousands of bribes totaling at least \$27 million to foreign officials in at least seven countries, including Angola, Azerbaijan, Brazil, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, Rusan and Turkmenistan. Also today, Panalpina's customers, including Shell Nigeria Exploration and Production Company Ltd. (SNEPCO), Transocean Inc. and Tidewater Marine International Inc., admitted that the companies approved of or condoned the payment of bribes on their behalf in Nigeria and falsely recorded the bribe payments made on their behalf as legitimate business expenses in their corporate books, records and accounts.

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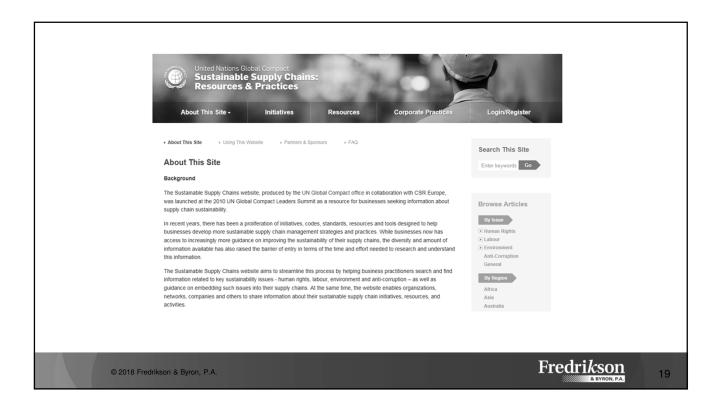


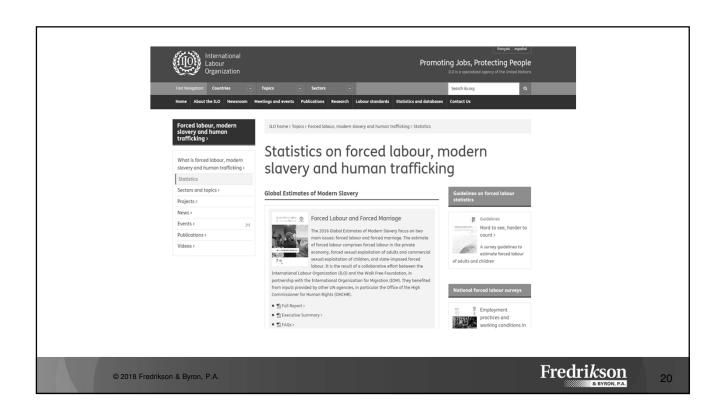
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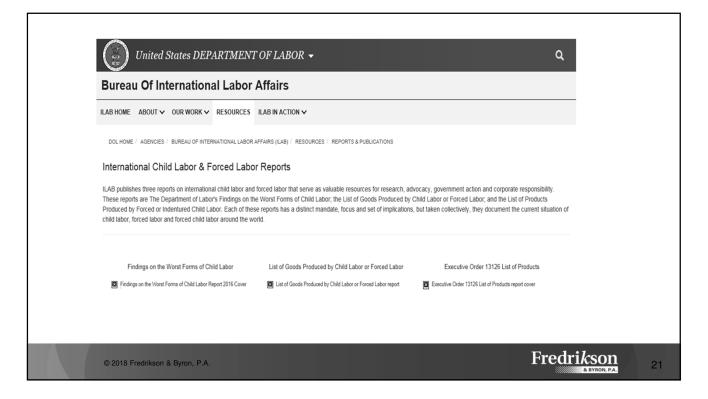
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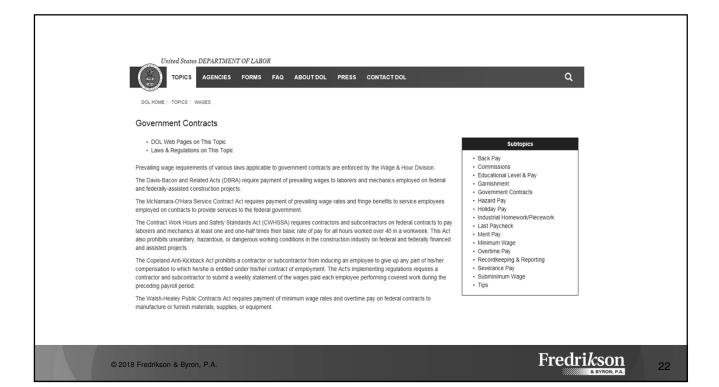


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