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On 28 February, 2022 in view of the current situation in Ukraine, the Chamber of Industry and Commerce of Ukraine (CCI) has taken the decision to simplify the certification procedure of force majeure.

The CCE has published a standard official letter certifying force majeure in Ukraine. Companies can simply print it out as evidence of force majeure.

The CCI’s letter serves as evidence of “force majeure circumstances: military aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, which led to the imposition of martial law from 05:30 on February 24, 2022 for 30 days, according to the Decree of the President of Ukraine of February 24, 2022 № 64/2022 ‘On the imposition of martial law in Ukraine’.”

Under the letter, the CCI of Ukraine confirms that “these circumstances from February 24, 2022 until their official ending, are extraordinary, unavoidable and objective circumstances for business entities and / or individuals under the contract, separate tax and / or other obligations the fulfillment of which occurred in accordance with the terms of the contract, agreement, legislative or other regulations and the fulfillment of which became impossible in the set deadline due to the occurrence of such force majeure circumstances (force majeure).”

Under Ukrainian law, force majeure circumstances are extraordinary and unavoidable circumstances, which objectively prevent performance of contractual obligations or obligations imposed in legislation. Among such circumstances, the law lists military actions, general military mobilization, declared or undeclared war, and several other events.

Please consider checking your contractual provisions in respect of force majeure, including in respect of the notification requirements.

In case you cannot download the letter from CCIU website, you can also access the Ukrainian or English version on our platform. Please contact us in case any help is required in relation to above, we stand by to assist.

If you require any other assistance with contractual issues, or with any other legal questions, we stand by to assist.

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