

Dentons' pick of global regulatory trends to watch in 2017

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Dentons' regulatory team from key jurisdictions around the globe delivers insights into regulatory trends to watch in the coming year. In the aftermath of a year of historic political and economic upheaval, this year's report highlights evolving developments in public affairs, competition/antitrust law, foreign investment and national security, privacy and data protection, economic sanctions and trade, and anti-corruption across the world, including the US, Europe, the UK, China, Canada and Mexico.

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Public affairs

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With a new President in the White House, Brexit on the horizon and protectionism on the rise, uncertainty and volatility may be the only constants in 2017. Our Public Affairs group comments on these developments and weighs in on what the coming year may bring.

Competition/antitrust law

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Competition authorities around the world continue to aggressively pursue illegal cartels and address conduct at the intersection of competition law on the one hand, and on the other, intellectual property, consumer protection and privacy.

National security and foreign investment review

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Governmental review of foreign investment continues to be streamlined in Canada and China while national governments retain broad discretion to review foreign acquisitions of domestic businesses on national security grounds.

Privacy and data protection

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Members of our team from select regions around the world provide an update on privacy law and data protection developments in their respective jurisdictions—with a key focus on legislative changes—that companies should consider as they undertake compliance activities in 2017.

Economic sanctions and trade

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While 2016 witnessed the signing of trade agreements, for example, between the European Union and Canada, it also witnessed the Brexit vote and the election of a US Administration that is seeking to renegotiate US trade relationships, including the North American Free Trade Agreement. We will be closely watching the evolution of these developments in 2017.

Anti-corruption

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National governments continue to crack down on corruption and bribery with substantially higher fines in some jurisdictions (e.g., the UK) and the expansion of offences for bribery (e.g., China). At the same time, we see increasing levels of cooperation at the international level.

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