Recent Developments in the UK’s Anti-Bribery and Sanctions Regimes

Date: Wednesday 26th July 2023; 9-10am (UK time) - Zoom

We are delighted that more than 150 guests were able to join us this morning for our webinar on Recent Developments in the UK’s Anti-Bribery and Sanctions Regimes, chaired by Khawar Qureshi KC, Head of McNair International.

Anthony Wilson, Solicitor Advocate at McNair, addressed key recent prosecutions, Deferred Prosecution Agreements (DPAs) and other developments concerning the UK’s Bribery Act 2010, noting that DPAs have so far been utilised much more against corporate entities than natural persons.

James McGlaughlin, Senior Associate at McNair, covered the key elements of UK’s independent sanctions regime, including recent case law on the UK’s Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018, and drew particular attention to the importance for practitioners to undertake thorough (and continuing) analysis of their client’s “ownership and control” to ensure compliance with applicable regulations.

Sam Mannion, Head of Industry Engagement at the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation (OFSI) at UK HM Treasury, provided candid insight into the competing objectives at play in the UK’s policy-making process concerning sanctions, and explained the proliferation of the use of General Licences in pursuit of the UK Government’s objectives.

A recording of the webinar is available here.

A copy of the PowerPoint presentations used in the webinar is available here.

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