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New Ordinance on CISG

Updates on Hong Kong's Law on International Sale of Goods

The Sale of Goods (United Nations Convention) Ordinance ('New Ordinance'), which implements the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG) in Hong Kong, was enacted on 29 September 2021. Subject to completion of the relevant process under Article 153 of the Basic Law as well as requisite formal notification by the Central People's Government to the Secretary-General of the United Nations (as depositary for the CISG) for applying the CISG to the HKSAR, the Convention is expected to apply to the HKSAR with effect in around the third quarter of 2022, tying in with the commencement date of the Ordinance. CISG provides uniform rules to govern contracts for international sales of goods, with a view to removing legal barriers and promoting the development of international trade. More than half of Hong Kong's top 20 trading partners by total volume of trade (including Mainland China, USA and Japan) and nearly half of the total number of countries in the world are parties to CISG. To help legal practitioners familiarise with the latest development, this webinar is to give an introduction of the New Ordinance and CISG, including their background as well as certain salient features.

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TIME (GMT+8)	PROGRAMME
17:30-17:50	OVERVIEW OF THE NEW ORDINANCE Mr Peter Wong Deputy Law Officer (Treaties and Law), Department of Justice of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
17:50-18:50	WHAT YOU MUST KNOW ABOUT CISG AS A LEGAL PRACTITIONER Professor Dr Ulrich G. Schroeter Professor of Law, University of Basel, Switzerland
18:50-19:00	Q&A

SPEAKERS (Listed in order of appearance)



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Mr Peter Wong obtained his Bachelor of Laws from the University of Hong Kong (1988), the Master of Law from the University of Cambridge (1990), and the Bachelor of Social Sciences from the Hong Kong Metropolitan University (then Open University of Hong Kong) (2004). He was admitted as a solicitor in Hong Kong (1992) and in England and Wales (1993). Mr Wong joined the Department of Justice (then Legal Department) in 1994, after a short stint in the private sector. He was appointed as Senior Assistant Solicitor General (Basic Law) in 2000. Since 2007, Mr Wong has served in various positions in the Department, including Deputy Principal Government Counsel (Treaties and Law), Deputy Solicitor General (Constitutional Affairs), Deputy Solicitor General (Policy Affairs), and Secretary to the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong. He has assumed the position of Deputy Law Officer (Treaties and Law) to take charge of the Treaties and Law Unit in the Department's International Law Division since 2019. Mr Wong is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb) and a CEDR Accredited Mediator.



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Ulrich Schroeter is Professor of Law at the University of Basel, Switzerland. He has published extensively in the fields of contract law, international trade law, arbitration, treaty law, commercial law and financial markets regulation. Ulrich's research has been cited by courts worldwide including in Australia, Austria, Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland and the USA as well as by Advocates General at the European Court of Justice. One area of focus for Ulrich's research is the 1980 Vienna Sales Convention (CISG). He is the co-editor of *Schlechtriem & Schwenzler: Commentary on the UN Convention on the International Sale of Goods (CISG)* (5th ed., Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2022) and has written the leading German textbook on the CISG, *Internationales UN-Kaufrecht* (Schroeter, 7th ed., Mohr Siebeck, forthcoming 2022). Ulrich serves as the national correspondent for Switzerland to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) for the CISG and is a member of the CISG Advisory Council. He regularly advises on CISG matters. Ulrich was educated at the Albert-Ludwigs University of Freiburg, Germany, and the University of Lausanne, Switzerland. He received his *Doctor iuris* from the Freie Universität Berlin.