

Briefing Sessions on The United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG)

The CISG in Hong Kong – What good is it for my business?

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9 JAN 2020 (Cantonese)
6 pm to 7:30 pm

- What is the CISG?
- Salient Features of the CISG
- Pros and Cons of applying the CISG to Hong Kong

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About the Briefing Sessions

The United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG) provides uniform rules to govern contracts for international sales of goods, with a view to removing legal barriers in, and promoting the development of, international trade. More than half of the top 20 trading partners of Hong Kong by total volume of trade including Mainland China, the USA and Japan are parties to the CISG. With the number of Contracting States to the CISG growing, it is an opportune time to consult the relevant stakeholders, in particular, the business and legal sectors, on the proposal to apply the CISG to Hong Kong.

There are views in favour of applying the CISG to Hong Kong for reasons including that such application could:

potentially promote
trade growth

promote a level playing
field by preventing
businesses from being
subject to unfamiliar
foreign laws when
entering into cross-
boundary transactions

enhance Hong Kong's
competence
in resolving CISG
disputes

The International Law Division of the Department of Justice will briefly introduce in the briefing sessions:

- the salient features of the CISG;
- the relevance of the CISG to business; and
- the pros and cons of applying the CISG to Hong Kong.

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