Recent Changes to the Laws Governing CFIUS, the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, and its Impact

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In August 2018, the U.S. Congress approved the bipartisan Foreign Investment Risk Review Modernization Act of 2018 (“FIRRMA”), expanding the scope of transactions subject to review by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (“CFIUS”), which reviews and screens foreign investment transactions for national security concerns. Changes bought by the new law will have significant impact on foreign investments in the United States. In this seminar, Mr Luk will explain the new legal framework regulating foreign investment in the United States: the role and jurisdiction of CFIUS, key components and process of a CFIUS review, as well as the recent changes brought by FIRRMA and their implications.

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