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Latin America Enforcement Trends and Compliance Tips

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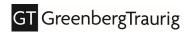
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Agenda

- Summary of FCPA Basics
- Enforcement Trends
- Challenges and Compliance Suggestions for Doing Business in Mexico
- Challenges and Compliance Suggestions for Doing Business in Latin America



FCPA Basics

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- The FCPA applies to:
 - Companies organized under U.S. law
 - Foreign issuers of securities in the U.S.
 - Individuals located in the U.S., including foreign nationals
 - Employees of covered companies
- What does the FCPA require?
 - Don't bribe!
 - Keep accurate books and records + maintain internal controls





FCPA: Two Provisions



- Anti-Bribery Provision
 - Prohibits <u>offering</u>, <u>promising</u>, <u>authorizing</u>, <u>or actually</u>
 <u>paying</u> money or <u>anything of value</u> to a <u>foreign official</u> to
 <u>influence any act or decision</u> of a foreign official (in his/her official capacity) to secure any <u>improper advantage or</u>
 <u>obtain/retain business</u>
- Accounting Provisions
 - Keep <u>books and records</u> that accurately reflect transactions
 - Maintain system of <u>internal controls</u> to assure company's control, authority, and responsibility over assets

FCPA Enforcement 2019

- Biggest year ever for penalties
 - Two largest penalties in history
 - 39 individuals charged
- Industries affected
- Geographic locations
- Trends:
 - Enforcement is alive and well
 - Continued "clustering" same conduct leading to multiple investigations
 - Continued multi-jurisdictional cases
 - More FCPA-related charges against individuals
 - Proactive compliance is rewarded



INDUSTRIES MOST AFFECTED







Financial Service







Consumer Goods Engineering/Construction









14 Cases
AND
\$2.65B
in Settlement Amounts

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Hallmarks of Compliance

- Commitment from senior management "tone at the top"
- Anti-corruption policies and procedures
- Oversight, autonomy, and resources
- Risk assessment
- Training and continuing advice
- Incentives and disciplinary measures
- Third party due diligence
- Confidential reporting and internal investigation
- Periodic testing and review
- Mergers and acquisitions: pre-acquisition due diligence and post-acquisition integration











Mexico – Anti-Corruption Legal Framework



National Anti-Corruption System Law (Effective as from July 2017)

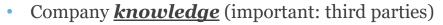
- Sanctions:
 - Monetary sanction of up to **US\$6.6 million or disgorgement of profits (2x)**
 - **Damages**
 - **Disqualification** to contract with the government for up to 10 years
 - **Suspension** of activities for up to 3 years
 - **Dissolution and liquidation** of an entity
- **Considerations** for sanctioning:
 - Affirmative defense Compliance program



Collaboration with the investigation



Disclosure -





Systematic conduct 1

Mexico – Anti-corruption Legal Framework



Affirmative Defense: "Effective" Compliance Program

What does "effective" means?

- 1. Organization manuals and procedures
- 2. Code of Conduct
- 3. Control, monitoring and auditing system
- 4. Reporting systems and disciplinary proceedings
- 5. Training policies and procedures ("Tone at the Top")
- 6. On-boarding procedures
- 7. Transparency and publicity procedures

Challenges of Doing Business in Mexico



- Compliance challenges (similar to those in Latin America) -However, consider:
 - Government inspections
 - Licenses and permits
 - Logistics
 - Customs custom brokers / NOMs / robust regulatory compliance
 - Very small communities and, culturally, hiring of friends and relatives is common

Challenges of Doing Business in Latin America



- Compliance challenges
 - Third party intermediaries usually as "business consultants"
 - Very small communities and, culturally, hiring of friends and relatives is common
 - Donations, gifts and entertainment
 - Donations to institutions supported by a government official
 - Distributor discounts
 - Slush funds
 - Plus...COVID-19
 - Government debt and unemployment
 - Working remotely

Challenges of Doing Business in Latin America



- How do I convey the limitations to my customers without losing the potential business?
 - Legal considerations
 - Contracts Existence, A/C clauses, and audit rights
 - Termination rights
 - Policy considerations
 - Effective anti-corruption and commercial policies
 - Relaxing formalities
 - Documentation
 - Cultural considerations
 - Know your customer Be aware of and understand local circumstances
 - Do not do good things that appear bad
 - Books and records

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