

Dear Member

A meeting is going to be held on 6th or 13th July 2020 on ZOOM to discuss buyers obligation in their international supply agreement. It is initiative of business law section of the AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION. For detail please study attached and below email.

We need your suggestion so that same could be forwarded for incorporation in the memo.

Best wishes

M.Muzzammil Husain

Dear members of the STAR Network,

before our next digital meeting next week, I wanted to share the following **request for involvement of the STAR Network** with you: An initiative from the Business Law Section of the **American Bar Association** is currently working on a **Principled Purchasing Project**, which aims to address and strengthen *buyers' obligations* in their international supply agreements and also develop a *buyer code of conduct*, which could, for example, become a minimum standard for those wishing to source from a particular country or region. As they develop these documents, they are holding consultations with different industry groups and would **very much like to involve the expertise of the STAR Network** in a special consultation with the network.

What is requested from you: The consultation would be held on **Zoom** and would be **1 hour** (potential to extend to 1,5 hours) in the **week of July 6th or July 13th**, probably at 6pm Cambodia time. The consultation would be with STAR network members only (8 - 10 representatives) and would involve working through the indicated changes on the two documents (Buyer model contract clauses and Buyer code of conduct) with an explanatory note, to seek your feedback, views and inputs on the most critical areas (purchasing practices, responsible exit, remediation etc.). Supported by the Linklaters team, the project team would then incorporate your feedback into the final version of the documents and share them with the working group for approval in July (aka: very soon).

Attached you will find a "**Stakeholder Memo**" (6p + Annex) which the information about this project. **Assessment:** Miran and I had an initial call with them and it seems this could be an interesting initiative as the documents they seek your feedback on may have an impact on buyers from the US. The team highly values the STAR network among the different parties they invite for consultations, so it's nice they offer a special slot only for you. **It would be good to know if you are interested in taking part.** I personally think this could be a good initiative to be involved in (and inform your members about your involvement), as it also relates to our discussions in the first digital exchange regarding force majeure and other contract cancelation clauses. Please also check who from your association would be most suitable to take part (the contents have a legal/purchasing focus but of course they seek your feedback from the viewpoint of the industry).

Miran and I are also in touch with other initiatives at the moment and also have some further ideas on the topic, but due to the urgency of this request and relevance for all of you with members selling to the US, I suggest we first review your interest to be involved here and then we can give further updates on more opportunities in our call next week. I will paste further background info below, related to the second attachment.

Best wishes,
Alexandra

Further Background information:

- This consultation is one of approximately 8 – 10 consultations, held with different representatives across three sectors (apparel, agriculture and electronics).
- The work is led by Sarah Dadush, Professor of Law at Rutgers University, Olivia Windham Stewart, an independent business and human rights specialist with particular expertise in the garment sector, John Sherman, General Council at Shift, and Linklaters New York.
- If you want to know more details, I will attach the draft documents themselves: The working draft of the revised model contract clauses (MCCs) and Buyer Code - clean version and red line version, which shows the revisions made to [Version 1.0](#) - as well as an explanatory note, which summarises a selection of the changes made and points to the areas on which they are most particularly seeking feedback [they would largely follow the points laid out in the consultation note during the session itself]

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