



Comprehensive, business-focused advice on environmental and social responsibility mandates affecting international business, market access for products, and global supply chains.



Beveridge & Diamond's international environmental law and global supply chains practice addresses environmental requirements across the full life-cycle of products, from the sourcing of raw materials (such as timber or minerals), to product design, manufacturing, distribution, and market access, through to reverse distribution and end-of-life management.

Our practice combines international and comparative environmental law experience, foreign language capabilities, and a practical understanding of international and foreign environmental regulatory regimes to help our clients succeed. We know how to manage multi-jurisdictional environmental legal projects, including work with a wide network of local counsel contacts, so that our clients get cost-effective and actionable legal advice.

We advise clients on the negotiation and implementation of multilateral environmental agreements that often drive the development of national environmental and product standards legislation world-wide. Our team includes former senior federal and state officials with substantial international environmental expertise, including a former senior lawyer at the Department of State responsible for the negotiation of numerous regional and global environmental agreements.

KEY FOCUS AREAS

Negotiation and implementation of global environmental agreements

Chemical regulation including REACH and chemical notification schemes

Material bans and restricted substances (e.g., RoHS)

Conflict minerals disclosure

Energy efficiency

Extended producer responsibility (EPR)

Timber sourcing

Climate change

Supply chain communication and disclosure

Dangerous goods shipments and requirements

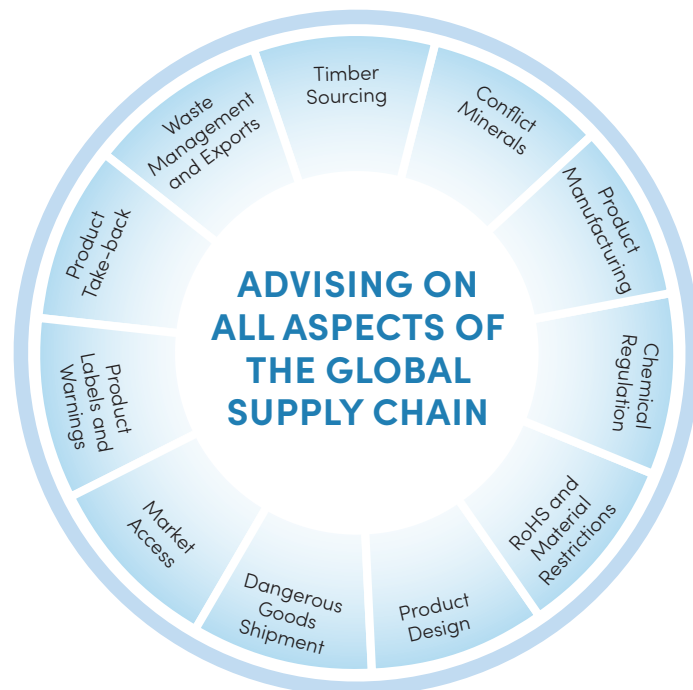
Market access for products of biotechnology

Stockholm POPs Convention, Rotterdam PIC Convention and Montreal Protocol

Forced labor

Sustainability reporting

Transboundary movements of hazardous wastes (Basel Convention)



International Project Management Capabilities

When our clients have environmental legal issues in other countries, we offer a service that packages together:

- Our extensive substantive experience with international and overseas environmental regulatory requirements, grounded in our deep knowledge of U.S. environmental law.
- A broad but informal international network of local counsel and technical environmental consultants.
- Our background and know-how in managing multi-jurisdictional environmental legal projects.

Representative Matters

- Advising companies in the electronics, consumer products and pharmaceutical sectors on new due diligence and supply chain communication tools for conflict minerals.
- Developing regional and global product take-back and recycling programs for used electronics, consumer and industrial batteries and other recyclable materials.
- Managing a global project to assess the applicability of existing biotechnology regulatory requirements to new technology in more than 25 countries.
- Representing the U.S. electronics industry in negotiations under the Basel Convention on the scope of used and end-of-life electrical and electronic equipment classified as “hazardous waste” for purposes of international trade.
- Representing the global semiconductor industry in advocacy to successfully obtain exemption from ban of PFOS use in Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants.
- Counseling manufacturers on the applicability of Latin American toy safety regulations and certification requirements to products intended for use by children.
- Developing global legislative tracking and compliance tools for EPR laws applicable to electronics, batteries, and unused pharmaceuticals.

Blending legal experience and international insight to achieve client objectives

ABOUT BEVERIDGE & DIAMOND

Beveridge & Diamond's more than 120 lawyers across the U.S. focus on environmental and natural resources law, litigation and alternative dispute resolution. We help clients around the world resolve critical environmental and sustainability issues relating to their products, facilities, and operations.

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