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5 Most Common Questions About Financing Foreign Receivables; Issues Beyond Simple Perfection, Priority and Enforcement

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- Coverage across our platform including the US, the UK, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Singapore, Brazil and Mexico
- We are the go-to law firm for a number of the world's leading participants in the supply chain finance market.



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- ***Supply Chain and Working Capital Finance Webinars***

- 9 webinars from July to November (repeated twice daily)
- Previous webinar: August 19 - 5 Most Common Questions About Financing Receivables and Payables Through a Platform
- Next webinars: September 16 - Supply Chain Finance Using Drafts and Bills of Exchange
 - Full program available in Appendix
- We will have our normal live programs in New York, London, Singapore and Hong Kong in 2021 – circumstances permitting, early in the year.

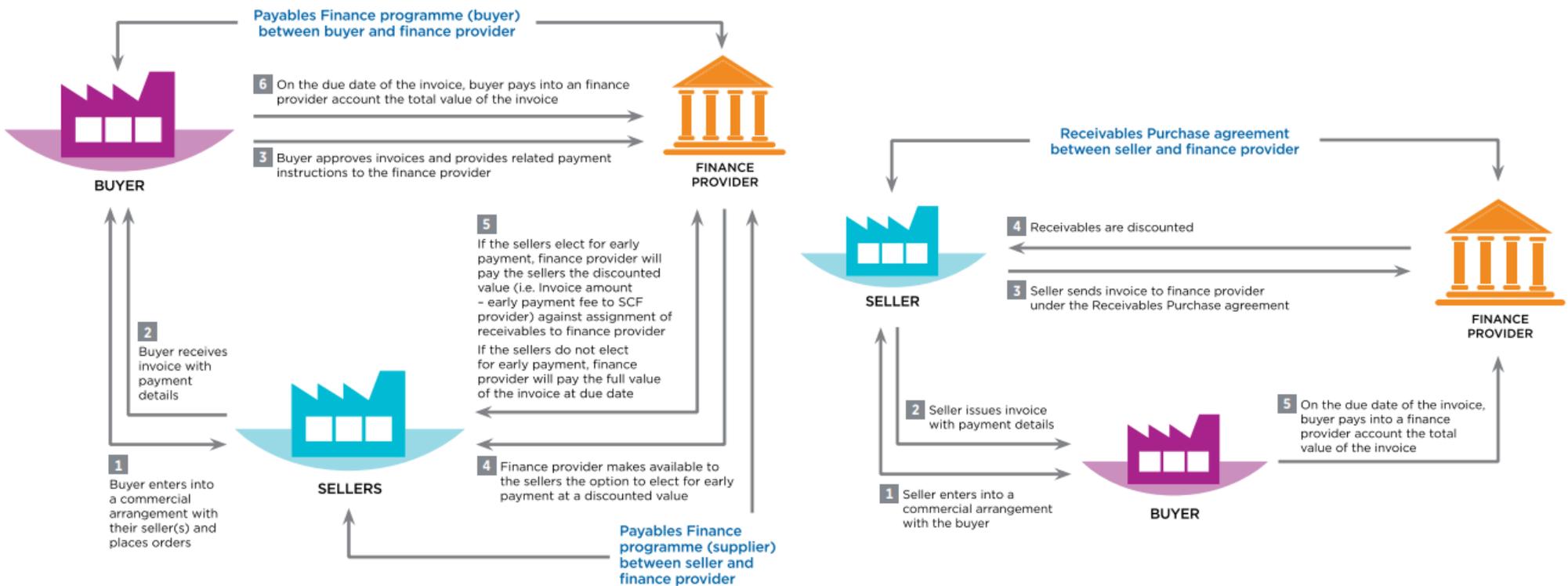
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Related Events

- ***Global Supply Chain and Distribution***

- A series of webinars running from June until end of the year focusing on global supply chain issues and solutions to mitigate them
- Previous Webinar:
 - August 19: Contract Risk: Building Resilient Relationships with Suppliers and Distributors
- Next Webinars:
 - September 23: Geographic Risk: Re-shoring and Diversifying Your Supply Chain
 - October 7: Supplier Compliance and Reputational Risk

Context: Buyer-Led and Seller-Led Supply Chain Finance Structures



Source: Standard Definitions for Techniques of Supply Chain Finance



Context: Why issues beyond perfection, priority and enforcement?

- May not be the primary focus of the Finance Provider but just as important
 - Illegality
 - Regulatory sanctions
 - Tax liabilities
 - Restrictions on funding/moving currencies
 - Other impediments or considerations
- Don't assume what can be done in your country can be done in all countries
- Health warning



5 Most Common Questions About Financing Foreign Receivables:

1. Does the Finance Provider
need a licence?

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Q1: Does the Finance Provider need a licence? (1 of 2)

- What do we mean by licence?
 - Licences, certificates, approvals, orders, authorisations, consents or registrations under the laws of a country (including rules, regulation, court orders and other legal requirements)
- Is a licence commonly required for these structures compared to, for example, lending structures?
- Specific licence?
- General banking licence?



Q1: Does the Finance Provider need a licence? (2 of 2)

- If a licence is required:
 - Does the answer change if the Finance Provider is located inside or outside of the Seller's or Buyer's jurisdiction?
 - Does that licence cover more than one jurisdiction?
 - Does it cover an affiliate of the Finance Provider?
 - What are the consequences if a licence is not obtained?



5 Most Common Questions About Financing Foreign Receivables:

2. Are there any foreign exchange restrictions?



Q2: Are there any foreign exchange restrictions?

- What are foreign exchange restrictions?
- Why are foreign exchange restrictions a concern for a Finance Provider on payables finance and receivables discounting structures?
- Regulatory approvals for foreign exchange transactions
- Structuring outside of foreign exchange restrictions?
 - Collections Accounts located abroad?
 - Currency Limitations?
 - Value of transactions?



5 Most Common Questions About Financing Foreign Receivables:

3. What tax issues are commonly encountered by Finance Providers?



Q3: What tax issues are commonly encountered by Finance Providers? (1 of 2)

- What taxes are of concern?
- Triggers for tax
 - Settlement of the receivable/payment of the invoice on maturity
 - Purchase and transfer of Receivable
 - Collection of Receivable
 - Payment of fees
- Deducted or withheld at source?
- Double taxation treaties



Q3: What tax issues are commonly encountered by Finance Providers? (2 of 2)

- Purchasing the sales tax element of a Receivable?
- Risk of secondary liabilities?
- Stamp duties
 - Can transactions be structured to avoid local stamp duties?
- Requirement to report to tax authorities?



5 Most Common Questions About Financing Foreign Receivables:

4. What about hidden liens / security interests and prior assignments?



Q4: What about hidden liens / security interests and prior assignments?

- Why are hidden liens/security interests and prior assignments a concern?
- How can I check?
 - Local registry
 - Liens/security interests
 - Prior assignments
 - Trusts
 - No registry
 - Reliance on representations



5 Most Common Questions About Financing Foreign Receivables:

5. What else should I be thinking about?

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Q5: What else should I be thinking about? (1 of 2)

- Cross-border legal opinions
 - What should I be asking for?
- Terminology
 - True sale
 - Off-balance sheet / de-recognition
- Language requirements
- Restrictions on assignment

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Q5: What else should I be thinking about? (2 of 2)

- Notarisation/apostilling transaction documents
 - Corporate authorisations
- Can receivables be assigned electronically?
- Documentation

Questions



Presenter Bios



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Appendix - Upcoming webinars

- 22 July: 10 Most Common Insolvency Questions in Receivables and Payables Finance – A Focus on US
- 29 July: 10 Most Common Insolvency Questions in Receivables and Payables Finance – A Focus on Asia and Europe
- August 12: Capital Markets/Alternative Investors; Investing in the Trade Receivable Asset Class
- August 19: 5 Most Common Questions About Financing Receivables and Payables Through a Platform
- September 2: 5 Most Common Questions About Financing Foreign Receivables; Issues Beyond Simple Perfection, Priority and Enforcement
- September 16: Supply Chain Finance Using Drafts and Bills of Exchange
- October 7: Working Together for Mutual Benefit: Non-Recourse Receivables Purchase and Trade Receivables Securitization
- October 21: Credit Insurance – How Does It Actually Work in Supply Chain Finance?
- November 4: The UN Convention on the Assignment of Receivables – What Is It, and How Will It Change Trade Finance?

Registrations for the upcoming webinars will be sent approximately a week in advance.



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