



LEGAL UPDATE

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The temporary modification of the foreign investment regime in France

With effect from July 22 2020 the foreign investment regime in France has changed.

First of all, decree n°2020-892 dated July 22, 2020 extends oversight of foreign investments by temporarily lowering the threshold for the acquisition of voting rights that result in the control of French companies with sensitive activities.

Thus, the threshold for the acquisition of voting rights has been lowered from 25% to 10% (until December 31, 2020).

Besides the decree of July 22, 2020 has introduced a simplified procedure in order to limit obstacles to market liquidity.

Indeed, Article 1 of the aforementioned decree provides that an investor who makes an investment is exempt from the authorization request usually required (i) if the investment project has been the subject of prior notification to the Minister in charge of the Economy and (ii) if the operation is carried out within six months following notification.

Please find attached [here](#) a summary of the main provisions of the new regime and Harlay Avocats will be pleased to assist you in the context of your investments in France.

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