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The FCPA and the Pharmaceutical Industry

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Topics of Discussion

- Overview of the FCPA
- Overview of the 2010 U.K. Bribery Act
- Enforcement Trends
- The Pharmaceutical Industry
- Compliance Programs and Third-Party Due Diligence
- Responding to an Allegation
- Q&A

Overview of the FCPA



FCPA's Two Prongs

ANTIBRIBERY PROVISIONS:

Prohibit bribery of foreign government or political officials for the purpose of obtaining or retaining business, or securing any improper business advantage

BOOKS & RECORDS PROVISIONS:

Require SECregistered or reporting issuers to make and maintain accurate books and records and to implement adequate internal accounting controls

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Anti-bribery Provisions

- It is unlawful for:
 - an issuer, domestic concern, or anyone acting within the jurisdiction of the United States
 - with "corrupt intent"
 - to directly or indirectly
 - offer, pay, promise to pay, or authorize payment
 - of "anything of value"
 - to a "foreign official"
 - for the purpose of obtaining or retaining business or securing any improper advantage

Books & Records Provisions

- Books and records
 - Must be in reasonable detail which accurately and fully reflect transactions
 - Payments, gifts, and entertainment
- Effective internal accounting controls
 - Company policies and procedures
 - Documentation (e.g., expense forms)
 - Reporting
 - Certifications
 - Corrective actions

Exception to Anti-Bribery Provisions

- Facilitating or "grease" payments
 - Exception has limited application
 - Payment by a foreign official to expedite or secure the performance of routine governmental actions
 - Applies only to non-discretionary actions by a foreign official such as processing government paperwork or providing routine government services
 - e.g., police protection, mail services

Affirmative Defenses

- Payments related to product demonstration or promotion
 - A reasonable and bona fide expenditure
 - Directly related to the promotion, demonstration, or explanation of products or services
 - Or the execution or performance of a contract
- Payments lawful under the written laws of the foreign country
 - Has never been recognized as a defense to a payment prohibited by the FCPA

PhRMA Code

- Applies to "relationships with U.S. healthcare professionals," but may provide useful guidance for non-U.S. interactions
- Potentially relevant provisions
 - Informational presentations by pharmaceutical company representatives and accompanying meals (section 2)
 - Prohibition on entertainment and recreation (section 3)
 - Speaker programs and speaker training (section 7)

FCPA Violations – Potential Consequences

- Prison
- Criminal fines
- Civil penalties
- Disgorgement
- Collateral consequences

Potential FCPA Collateral Consequences

- Investigation Costs
- Business Disruption
- Foreign Enforcement Actions
- Reputational Harm
- Deferred Prosecution Agreements

- Independent Compliance Monitors
- Civil Litigation
- Exclusion from Government Contracting ("Corporate Death Penalty")
- Rescission of Contracts, Permits

Overview of the U.K. Bribery Act 2010

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- Sweeps away old law on bribery
- New offences
 - 2 "general" offences: bribery and taking a bribe
 - Bribery of foreign public official
 - Corporate offence: failure to prevent bribery
- Broad-brush, almost "principles-based" approach

General Offences

- Bribery: offering, etc. an **advantage** to another person
 - intending to induce or reward improper performance of a relevant function, or
 - knowing acceptance constitutes improper performance
- Taking a bribe:
 - requesting, accepting, etc. an advantage
 - intending, in consequence, or as a reward for, **improper performance** of a **relevant function**, or
 - where acceptance constitutes improper performance
 - Performing improperly (including procuring improper performance) in anticipation of an advantage

Bribery of Foreign Public Officials (s.6 Offence)

- Bribing a foreign public official (F) if intends to influence F in F's capacity as FPO, intending to obtain/retain business or business advantage
- Broadly overlaps with s.1 offence:
 - believed included to ensure OECD compliance
 - however, arguably even stricter: cf. "influence" to "improper performance"

Failure to Prevent Bribery (s.7 Offence)

- "Relevant commercial organisation" (C) commits an offence if person (A) "associated" with C bribes another person intending to obtain/retain business or a business advantage for C
- Strict liability offence
- Defence if C can prove it had in place "adequate procedures" designed to prevent persons associated with C from undertaking such conduct

s.7 Offence: Some Terms Explained

- "Relevant commercial organisation":
 - UK body corporate or partnership which carries on business anywhere
 - Non-UK body corporate or partnership which carries on a business, or part of a business, in the UK
- "Associated"
 - A associated with C if A "performs services" for or on behalf of C, in whatever capacity
 - Non-exclusive examples: employee (presumed), agent, or subsidiary
 - May extend much further e.g. suppliers, joint ventures, advisers
 - Determined by all relevant circumstances, not just nature of relationship

s.7 Offence: Some Terms Explained (cont.)

- "Adequate Procedures": no further explanation but "guidance" to be issued by UK government
 - Consultation in September; final guidance early 2011
 - Likely to be based on existing international guidelines, e.g.
 OECD, Transparency International, etc.
 - Likely to be principles-based: will need to tailor to specific circumstances, e.g. size, industry sector, geographic reach, transaction type, etc.
 - High-risk industries may have to be more robust

Penalties

- General offences and IPO offence
 - Individuals: 10 years imprisonment or unlimited fine
 - Other persons: unlimited fine
- Corporate offence: unlimited fine
- May trigger:
 - Automatic ban on tendering for public procurement contracts
 - Recovery/confiscation order: all proceeds of crime

Timing

- Act not yet in effect
 - Act will come into effect in April 2011
 - Consultation process on guidance on "adequate procedures" to commence in September
 - Guidance expected to be issued early in 2011
- Need to start preparing s.7 compliance programmes now to be ready for new regime

Comparison to FCPA

- Extends to private bribery
 - e.g. payment to an employee in procurement dept to favour bid
- No carve-out for facilitation payments
 - Likely to be a criminal offence; dependent on prosecutorial discretion
- Applies to bribe recipients
- No formal advisory service (cf. service provided by US A-G)
- Jurisdictional reach e.g. could catch US company with any business in the UK making facilitation payments in Indonesia
- No discretion on imposition of public procurement ban
- Current uncertainties in UK re plea bargaining

Practical Implications for Companies

- Identify whether a "relevant commercial organisation"
- Identify existing "associates"
- Put in place internal systems, policies and procedures, training programmes, etc.
- Consider how to deal with existing and future counterparties
- Consider insertion of clauses into employment contracts and terms
 of engagement with counterparties
- Consider due diligence issues on e.g. M&A: potential for inherited risk
- Even if not covered by the Act, companies may need similar anti-bribery policies to satisfy counterparties' policies

Enforcement Trends

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- Expansion of investigative resources
- Increased SEC enforcement
- Collaboration with foreign authorities
- Focus on individual prosecutions
- Use of traditional law enforcement techniques
- Industry-wide focus

DOJ: Continued Upward Enforcement Trend

- Increase in FCPA prosecutors and agents
 - In June 2010, the FBI announced increasing its FCPA enforcement unit by 33% (from 12 to 16)
- Use of traditional criminal law enforcement techniques
 - "From now on, would-be FCPA violators should stop and ponder whether the person they are trying to bribe might really be a federal agent."
 - Lanny Breuer, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division

The Rise of SEC Enforcement

- Fundamental reorganization of the SEC Enforcement Division & expansion of investigative tools
 - National specialized enforcement units
 - Asset management, Market abuse, Structured and new products, FCPA, Municipal securities and public pensions
 - Increased focus on individual liability
 - New cooperation tools
 - Office of Market Intelligence
 - Responsible for the collection, analysis, risk-weighing, triage, referral, and monitoring of tips, complaints, and referrals
 - Responsible for harvesting that intelligence to better inform the SEC's investigative focus and priorities
- Financial Reform Act Whistleblower Provisions

More Criminal Prosecutions of Individuals

- More criminal prosecutions of and enforcement actions against individuals
 - 75% of DOJ prosecutions during 2009
 - 3 SEC enforcement actions during 2009
 - 3 FCPA trials during 2009
 - 22 individuals arrested on January 19, 2010
- Bases for Liability
 - Direct Liability
 - Aiding and Abetting Liability
 - Control Person Liability

SEC Enforcement



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The Pharmaceutical Industry

FCPA Enforcement Risk – The Pharmaceutical Industry



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Pharma Industry – A History of Enforcement



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Pharmaceutical Industry Targeted

- The application of the FCPA to the pharmaceutical industry "will be a focus for the Criminal Division in the months and years ahead."
 - Lanny A. Breuer, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division Address to the Pharmaceutical Regulatory and Compliance Congress (November 12, 2009)

Pharmaceutical Industry Targeted

- "The depth of government involvement in foreign health systems, combined with fierce industry competition and the closed nature of many public formularies, creates a significant risk that corrupt payments will infect the process. The Criminal Division stands ready to ferret out this illegal conduct and we are uniquely situated to do so."
 - Lanny A. Breuer, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division (November 12, 2009)

Pharmaceutical Industry Targeted

- "Our remarkable FCPA unit and our terrific health care fraud unit will be working together to investigate FCPA violations in the pharmaceutical industry in an effort to maximize our ability to effectively enforce the law in this high risk area."
 - Lanny A. Breuer, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Address to the 22nd National Forum on the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (November 17, 2009)

Anti-Corruption Challenges for Healthcare Companies

- Expanding an international presence is a key long-term growth strategy for many leading health-care companies
- Developing nations are spending more money on health-care and driving the increase in global demand
- Foreign hospitals, clinics, laboratories, and medical providers frequently are state-owned or state-controlled
- Employees of state-owned or state-controlled entities are "foreign officials" under the FCPA
- Companies work through commercial agents and other third-party representatives
Pharma Industry – Potential FCPA Issues



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How The DOJ, SEC & SFO See The World



Compliance Programs and Third-Party Due Diligence: Practical Responses in a Dynamic Enforcement Environment

Components of an "Effective" Compliance Program

- Compliance program components include:
 - Clearly articulated corporate policies and procedures
 - Consistent and comprehensive training
 - Oversight, monitoring, and reporting system (e.g., hotline)
 - Disciplinary procedures to address violations
 - Due diligence and oversight of agents, business partners, vendors, and joint ventures
 - Financial and accounting procedures to ensure internal controls, and accurate books, records, and accounts
 - Periodic reviews of compliance program
 - Documentation of compliance efforts

Evaluating Effectiveness of Controls: Where to Start

- Understand existing policies, procedures, and controls through review of key documents, interviews and field visits
 - Are employees sufficiently aware of policies and procedures?
 - Is there appropriate training?
 - Are the policies and procedures appropriately tailored for the business today (i.e., are they outdated or too broad)?
 - Does the company require compliance certifications? What do they cover?
 - How is compliance documented by the program? Are the requisite approvals being obtained?
 - Have there been prior audits of the anti-corruption program and financial controls?

Third-Party Representatives

- Foreign Affiliates
- Distributors
- Sales Agents
- Joint Ventures
- Foreign Medical Providers

Other Business Partners



What Are The FCPA's Third-Party Payment Provisions?

- No immunity by doing business through foreign affiliates or third parties
- Anti-bribery provisions cover improper payments made to "any person, while *knowing* that all or a portion of such money or thing of value will be offered, given, or promised, directly or indirectly to any foreign official"
- Knowledge is established "if a person is aware of a high probability of the existence of such circumstance, unless the person believes that such circumstance does not exist"

What are the Risks of Working With Third Party Representatives?

- Third-Party Representatives can create liability for company
- Over 50% of FCPA prosecutions involve liability based on the use of agents and representatives
- Due diligence and monitoring agents and third-party representatives is increasingly important

What Are The Government's Expectations?



What Is Due Diligence?

- An essential part of an FCPA compliance program
- An investigation of risks across a number of regulatory and business issues
- Used to understand and evaluate initial and ongoing risk of doing business with a third-party
- Used to evaluate options to limit risk
- Risk-based approach
- Use of questionnaires and checklists
- Verification
- Documentation of due diligence

What Factors Should be Considered in Evaluating Third-Party Representative Anti-Corruption Risk?

- Reasonableness and method of payment
- Size and structure of commissions and expenses
- Compliance with local law
- Competence of business
 partner

- Integrity of business partner
- Business partner's relationship to foreign government officials
- Business partner's past history
- Territory's reputation for corruption
- Conduciveness of the transaction to corruption

What Factors Should be Considered in Evaluating Third-Party Representative Anti-Corruption Risk? (cont.)

- Maintenance of accurate books and records
- Business partner's transparency in record-keeping
- Consistent standards
- Business partner's qualifications and resources

- Continuing oversight of business partner's activities
- FCPA safeguards in the contracts
- Certification of compliance

Third-Party Representatives: What are Examples of Red Flags?



- Premiums added to contract
- Unusually high service-related fees
- A Requests for cash
- Customer or agent is owned or controlled by government official

Customer or agent is owned or controlled by relative of government official

Agent refuses to confirm he understands FCPA and will comply

Third-Party Representative Payments: What are Examples of Red Flags?

- Large and numerous end-of-year adjustments
- Request that payment be paid in third country or to third party
- Foreign operations managers received unusual bonuses
- Inconsistent invoicing or over-invoicing
- Transactions are recorded as "cash" or checks are drawn to cash
- New customers granted unusual credits

Responding to an Allegation

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- Conduct a prompt and effective internal investigation
- Remediate
 - Make sure the prohibited activity is stopped
 - Address lapses, if any, in controls and implement improvements
 - Consider appropriate disciplinary measures
 - Terminate business relationships with relevant vendors, consultants, or partners
 - Conduct corrective training
- Consider Disclosure
 - Outside auditors
 - Financial statements/regulatory filings
 - U.S. or foreign authorities
- Effectively use outside and external resources

Going Forward

- Continued vigilance
 - Standards of conduct
 - Systems and controls
 - Compliance programs
 - Training
- Risk assessment
- Focus on third-party relationships





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