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Anti-bribery regulations

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Container security initiative (CSI)

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Embargo

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Foreign/free trade zone (FTZ)

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Hazardous materials

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Safety data sheet (SDS)

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Trade bloc

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A gift, money, or a favor given by one person to another intending to influence the person's decision, judgment, or conduct. Offering or accepting bribes is illegal in most countries and a violation of the UN Global Compact. A complicating factor is that bribes are expected parts of business transactions in some cultures. Syn.: facilitating payments.

Country regulations that penalize organizations that engage in bribery. The OECD Anti-Bribery Convention requires countries to develop such regulations.

A ban established by a nation's government that prohibits individuals or organizations from conducting any trade with individuals or organizations from another particular nation.

An agreement that allows US customs agents in foreign ports to identify and inspect high-risk containers prior to their being loaded on a ship bound to a US port.

Any material that a country's relevant government agency has classified as a risk to human, animal, or environmental health or to property—either on its own or due to interaction with other elements. A government's transportation authority may allow transportation only when proper permits and safety precautions are implemented. Similarly, a government may regulate or supervise hazardous material disposal. Categories include explosives, flammable or corrosive liquids or gasses, biohazards, and radioactive materials.

Designated areas within a country that are considered to be outside the country. Material in the zone is not subject to duties and taxes until the material is moved outside the zone for consumption. There is no limit on the time material may remain in the zone. [...].

An agreement between or among countries intended to reduce or remove barriers to trade within member countries. Frequently, but not always, those countries are geographically close. Examples of trade blocs are the European Economic Community and the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Syn.: trading bloc.

A document that is part of the materials information system and accompanies the product. Formerly referred to as the manufacturing safety data sheet (MSDS). The document is prepared by the manufacturer and provides information regarding the safety and chemical properties to downstream users and (if necessary) the long-term storage, handling, and disposal of the product. Among other factors, the SDS describes: the hazardous components of a product; how to treat leaks, spills, and fires; and how to treat improper human contact with the product.