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### DOJ Prioritizes Enforcement of Sanctions and Export Control Violations Against Companies



Here's an excerpt from this ["White Collar Briefly" blog](#) about [this recent speech](#) by DOJ Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco heralding a new era of corporate enforcement aimed at addressing U.S. national security priorities:

"In this most recent announcement, DAG Monaco set a new tone: announcing that enforcement of national security-related violations—most notably sanctions evasion and export control violations—against *corporations* would be among the top priorities of the DOJ. Later in the day, Matthew Axelrod, Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement within the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), drove home that point, emphasizing that companies should no longer view export control and sanctions violations as "technical violations," but would be well advised to view them as enterprise risks given the prioritization these issues are receiving within the various government enforcement agencies, including the DOJ.

Further highlighting this new landscape, the Department of Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) spoke at the ABA White Collar Conference for the first-time ever on March 2 and the DOJ, BIS and OFAC issued their first-of-its kind joint [compliance guidance](#) the same day, relating to third party-intermediary risks."

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