We are subject to a variety of PRC laws, rules and regulations affecting many aspects of our business. This section summarizes the major PRC regulatory authorities and PRC laws and regulations that we believe are relevant to our business and operations in the PRC.

PRINCIPAL REGULATORY AUTHORITIES

In addition to the supervision and management by authorities that perform general regulation on companies in the PRC, the Company's operations in the PRC are mainly subject to supervision and management under the following authorities:

MIIT

The Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of the PRC (中華人民共和國工業和信息化部) (the "**MIIT**") was integrated in 2008 from the former Ministry of Information Industry, the Office of Informatization under the State Council (國務院), and other related agencies.

The main responsibilities include, proposing industrial development strategies, formulating industrial sector plans and policies, reviewing or approving fixed-asset investment projects in the industrial, telecommunications, etc.

NDRC

The main responsibilities of the National Development and Reform Commission (國家發展和改革委員會) (the "**NDRC**") include, organizing the formulation of a comprehensive industrial policy, regulating and managing fixed-asset investment projects, proposing strategies and policies for the utilization of inbound and outbound investment, and proposing a negative list for foreign investment access.

MOFCOM

The main responsibilities of Ministry of Commerce of the PRC (中華人民共和國商務部) (the "**MOFCOM**") include, supervising and regulating the foreign investment activities nationwide, formulating foreign investment policies and organizing their implementation, approving the establishment of and changes of foreign-invested enterprises in accordance with applicable laws, promoting industrial restructuring in the distribution sector, guiding reforms in distribution enterprises, developing commercial services and community commerce, formulating administrative measures and specific policies for outbound investment, and authorizing, in accordance with the applicable laws, outbound investment by domestic enterprises.

PRINCIPAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS

Laws and Regulations on Robotics Industry

The Guiding Opinions on Promoting the Development of the Industrial Robotics Industry (關於推進工業機器人產業發展的指導意見) issued on December 22, 2013 by the MIIT, calls for the development of industrial robot system integration technologies, host design technologies, and key component manufacturing technologies that meet user requirements; breakthroughs of core technologies and key raw materials and components; improving reliability and stability; and promoting large-scale demonstration applications of industrial robots.

The Made in China 2025 (中國製造2025) was released on May 8, 2015 by the State Council, which includes the "Intelligent Manufacturing Program (智能製造工程)". In the area of intelligent manufacturing, it clearly prioritizes breakthroughs in intelligent manufacturing equipment and production lines such as high-end CNC machine tools, industrial robots and additive manufacturing equipment.

On December 21, 2021, the MIIT, the NDRC and other 13 departments jointly issued the 14th Five Year Plan for the Development of China's Robotics Industry (《"十四五"機器人產業發展規劃》), which seeks to promote breakthroughs in core robot technologies and high-end products. The plan raised that, by 2025, China will become a global hub for robotics innovation. By 2035, China's robotics industry will reach internationally leading levels in overall strength.

The 14th Five-Year Plan for the Development of Intelligent Manufacturing ("十四五"智能製造發展規劃) was issued on December 21, 2021 by the MIIT, the NDRC and other 6 departments. The plan calls for the vigorous development of intelligent manufacturing equipment, strengthening collaborative innovation among industry, academia, and research institutes.

On January 18, 2023, the MIIT and other 16 departments jointly issued the Implementation Plan for "Robot+" Application Action (《"機器人+"應用行動實施方案》), which sets a target to double the robot density in manufacturing by 2025 compared to 2020.

The Implementation Measures for Standardized Condition Management of the Industrial Robotics Industry (工業機器人行業規範條件管理實施辦法) ("**Measures for Standardized Condition Management**") were issued by the MIIT on July 7, 2017, last amended on July 29, 2024 and became effective on August 1, 2024. According to the Measures for Standardized Condition Management, the MIIT adopts announcement-based management for industrial robot enterprises that meet the Standard Conditions of the Industrial Robotics Industry (工業機器人行業規範條件) ("**Standard Conditions**"). Enterprises within the industrial robotics industry may apply on a voluntary basis. The MIIT discloses and publishes a list of industrial robot enterprises that meet the Standard Conditions, and revises or revokes announcements as necessary.

The Guiding Catalogue for Industrial Structural Adjustment (2024 Edition) (產業結構調整指導目錄(2024年本)) promulgated by the NDRC on December 27, 2023 and became effective on February 1, 2024, encourages the development of industries including robots and integrated systems under the intelligent manufacturing category.

Laws and Regulations on Production Safety

On June 29, 2002, the SCNPC promulgated the Production Safety Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國安全生產法》) (the "**Production Safety Law**"), which was recently amended by the SCNPC on June 10, 2021 and became effective on September 1, 2021. Enterprises that are engaged in production and business activities shall abide by the relevant laws and regulations concerning work safety, strengthen work safety management.

Laws and Regulations on Product Quality

According to the Product Quality Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國產品質量法》) promulgated by the SCNPC on February 22, 1993 and recently amended with immediate effect on December 29, 2018, producers shall: (i) be responsible for the quality of the products they produce; (ii) not produce products that have been explicitly eliminated by the state; (iii) not forge the place of origin; (iv) not produce or market adulterated products or use fake goods as genuine or sub-standard products as standard; and (v) ensure that the packaging quality meets the corresponding requirements, and make warning signs or warning instructions in Chinese.

According to the Civil Code of the PRC (《中華人民共和國民法典》) promulgated by the NPC on May 28, 2020 and became effective on January 1, 2021, if a defect of a product causes damage to another person, the infringed person may claim compensation against the manufacturer or the seller of the product.

Laws and Regulations on Intellectual Properties

In terms of international conventions, the PRC has entered into (including but not limited to) the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (《與貿易有關的知識財產權協定》), the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (《保護工業產權巴黎公約》), the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks (《商標國際註冊馬德里協定》) and the Patent Cooperation Treaty (《專利合作條約》).

Patent

Patents in the PRC are mainly protected by the Patent Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國專利法》), which was promulgated by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (the "**SCNPC**") on March 12, 1984, last amended on October 17, 2020 and became effective on June 1, 2021, and the Implementation Rules of the Patent Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國專利法實施細則》), which were promulgated by the State Council on June 15, 2001, last amended on December 11, 2023 and became effective on January 20, 2024. The Patent Law of the PRC and its Implementation Rules provide for three types of patents, "invention", "utility model" and "design."

Trade Secret

According to the Anti-Unfair Competition Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國反不正當競爭法》), promulgated by the SCNPC in September 1993 and last amended on April 23, 2019, the term "trade secrets" refers to technical and business information that is unknown to the public, has utility, may create business interests or profits for its legal owners or holders, and is maintained as a secret by its legal owners or holders. The parties whose trade secrets are being misappropriated may petition for administrative corrections, and regulatory authorities may stop any illegal activities and impose fine on the infringing parties.

Trademark

Pursuant to the Trademark Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國商標法》) promulgated by the SCNPC on August 23, 1982, last amended on April 23, 2019 and became effective on November 1, 2019, the period of validity for a registered trademark is 10 years, commencing from the date of registration.

Copyright

Copyright in the PRC is primarily protected by the Copyright Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國著作權法》), which was promulgated by the SCNPC on September 7, 1990, last amended on November 11, 2020 and became effective on June 1, 2021, and Implementation Regulations of the Copyright Law of PRC (《中華人民共和國著作權法實施條例》), which was promulgated by the State Council on August 2, 2002 and last amended on January 30, 2013. These law and regulation provide provisions on the classification of works and the obtaining and protection of copyright.

Domain Names

In accordance with the Measures for the Administration of Internet Domain Names (《互聯網域名管理辦法》) which was issued by the Ministry of Information Industry on August 24, 2017 and came into effect on November 1, 2017, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology is responsible for supervision and administration of domain name services in the PRC.

Laws and Regulations on Labor and Employee Incentives

General Labor Contracts Rules

According to the Labor Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國勞動法》), which was promulgated by the SCNPC in July 1994 and last amended and came into effect in December 2018, the Labor Contract Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國勞動合同法》), which was promulgated by the SCNPC in June 2007 and amended in December 2012 and came into effect in July 2013, and the Implementing Regulations of the Labor Contracts Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國勞動合同法實施條例》), which was promulgated by the State Council and came into effect in September 2008, labor contracts in written form shall be executed to establish labor relationships between employers and employees.

Labor, Social Insurance and Housing Provident Funds

According to the Social Insurance Law of PRC (《中華人民共和國社會保險法》), which was promulgated by the SCNPC in October 2010 and last amended and came into effect in December 2018, and the Interim Regulations on the Collection and Payment of Social Security Funds (《社會保險費徵繳暫行條例》), which was promulgated by the State Council in January 1999 and last amended in March 2019, and the Regulations on the Administration of Housing Provident Funds (《住房公積金管理條例》), which was promulgated by the State Council in April 1999 and last amended in March 2019, employers are required to contribute, on behalf of their employees, to a number of social security funds, including funds for basic pension insurance, unemployment insurance, basic medical insurance, occupational injury insurance and maternity insurance and to housing provident funds.

According to the Interpretation (II) of the Supreme People's Court on Issues Concerning the Application of Law in the Trial of Labor Dispute Cases (最高人民法院關於審理勞動爭議案件適用法律問題的解釋(二)), which was promulgated by the Supreme People's Court in July 2025 and came into effect in September 2025, the employer and the laborer agree, or the laborer promises the employer, that there is no need to pay social insurance premiums, such agreement or promise shall be determined invalid; where an employer fails to pay social insurance premiums in accordance with the law, and such employee requests to terminate the labor contract and for the employer to pay economic compensation, the people's court shall support such requests in accordance with the law. In the event an employer, after making up the social insurance contributions, requests the employee to return the social insurance compensation already paid, the people's court shall support such request.

Prevention and Control of Occupational Diseases

The Prevention and Control of Occupational Diseases Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國職業病防治法》), which was promulgated by the SCNPC on October 27, 2001 and latest amended on December 29, 2018 (the "**Prevention and Control of Occupational Diseases Law**"), is the basic law for the prevention and control of occupational diseases.

Laws and Regulations on Leasing

On December 1, 2010, the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development promulgated the Administrative Measures on Leasing of Commodity Housing (《商品房屋租賃管理辦法》), which became effective on February 1, 2011. According to such measures, the lessor and the lessee are required to complete property leasing registration and filing formalities within 30 days from execution of the property lease contract with the development authorities or real estate authorities of the municipality or county where the leased property is located. If a company fails to do as aforesaid, it may be ordered to rectify within a stipulated period, and if such company fails to rectify, a fine ranging from RMB1,000 to RMB10,000 may be imposed on each lease agreement.

According to the Civil Code of the PRC (《中華人民共和國民法典》), the relevant parties fail to complete property leasing registration and filing formality in accordance with the laws and regulations, the validity of the lease is not affected.

Laws and Regulations on Environmental Protection, Health and Safety

Environment Protection

The Environmental Protection Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國環境保護法》) ("**the Environmental Protection Law**"), which was promulgated by the SCNPC on December 26, 1989 and last amended on April 24, 2014, came into effect on January 1, 2015, outlines the authorities and duties of various environmental protection regulatory agencies.

Environmental Impact Appraisal

According to the Administration Rules on Environmental Protection of Construction Projects (《建設項目環境保護管理條例》), which was promulgated by the State Council on November 29, 1998, amended on July 16, 2017 and became effective on October 1, 2017, depending on the impact of the construction project on the environment, an construction employer shall submit an environmental impact report or an environmental impact statement, or file a registration form. According to the Environmental Impact Appraisal Law of PRC (《中華人民共和國環境影響評價法》) ("**the Environmental Impact Appraisal Law**"), which was promulgated by the SCNPC on October 28, 2002, amended on July 2, 2016 and December 29, 2018, for any construction projects that have an impact on the environment, an entity is required to produce either a report, or a statement, or a registration form of such environmental impacts depending on the seriousness of effect that may be exerted on the environment.

Completion and Acceptance

The Interim Measures for Acceptance of Environmental Protection upon Completion of Construction Projects (《建設項目竣工環境保護驗收暫行辦法》), promulgated and implemented by the former Ministry of Environmental Protection (now the MEE) on November 20, 2017, regulate the procedures and standards for environmental protection acceptance by construction entities upon the completion of construction projects.

Fire Prevention

According to the Fire Prevention Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國消防法》), promulgated by the SCNPC on April 29, 1998 and last amended with effect from April 29, 2021, design and construction of the fire control facilities for a construction work shall comply with the national fire control technical standards. The developer, designer, constructors and project supervisor of a construction project shall be responsible for the quality of the design and construction of the fire control facilities for the construction work according to the relevant laws.

Management of Waste Discharge

Pursuant to the Catalog of Classified Management of Pollutant Discharge Permits for Stationary Pollution Sources (2019 Version) (《固定污染源排污許可分類管理名錄(2019年版)》) issued by the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of the PRC and became effective on December 20, 2019, the State implements the primary management, simplified management and registration management of pollutant discharge permits based on the pollutant production, emission amount and the extent of environmental impact of the pollutant discharge entities.

Pursuant to the Regulations on the Administration of Pollutant Discharge Permits (《排污許可管理條例》) promulgated by the State Council on January 24, 2021 and became effective on March 1, 2021, based on the quantity of pollutants generated and discharged, their impacts on the environment and other factors, categorical administration of pollutant discharge permit system is implemented to regulate pollutant-discharging entities.

Laws and Regulations on Foreign Investment

Company Law of the PRC

The Company Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國公司法》) (the "**Company Law**") which was promulgated by the Standing Committee of the NPC on December 29, 1993, came into effect on July 1, 1994, revised on December 25, 1999, August 28, 2004, October 27, 2005 and December 28, 2013, October 26, 2018, December 29, 2023 respectively and the latest revision of which was implemented on July 1, 2024, governs the establishment, operation and management of companies in the PRC, including foreign-invested companies. Unless foreign investment laws provide otherwise, foreign-invested companies shall abide by the Company Law of the PRC.

Foreign Investment

Foreign investment in the PRC is subject to the Catalogue of Industries for Encouraging Foreign Investment (2022 Version) (《鼓勵外商投資產業目錄(2022年版)》) (the "**Catalogue**"), amended on October 26, 2022 and effective since January 1, 2023 and the Special Administrative Measures for Foreign Investment Access (Negative List) (2024 Version) (《外商投資准入特別管理措施(負面清單) (2024年版)》) (the "**Negative List**"), promulgated on September 6, 2024 and effective since November 1, 2024, both of which issued by the NDRC and the MOFCOM. The Catalogue and the Negative List lay out the basic framework for foreign investment in China, classifying businesses into three categories with regard to foreign investment: "encouraged", "restricted", and "prohibited". Industries not listed in the Catalogue or the Negative List are generally deemed as falling into a fourth category, "permitted", unless specifically restricted by other PRC laws and regulations. The Foreign Investment Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國外商投資法》) (the "**FIL**"), promulgated by the National People's Congress (全國人民代表大會) (the "**NPC**") on March 15, 2019, effective since January 1, 2020, and the Implementation Regulations for the Foreign Investment Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國外商投資法實施條例》) (the "**Implementation Regulations for FIL**"), promulgated by the State Council (國務院) on December 26, 2019, effective since January 1, 2020, are the principal existing law and regulation governing foreign investment in the PRC. The FIL and the Implementation Regulations for FIL are enacted to further expand opening-up, actively promote foreign investment, protect legitimate rights and interests in foreign investment, and standardize foreign investment management.

On December 30, 2019, the Ministry of Commerce and the SAMR, jointly promulgated the Measures for Information Reporting on Foreign Investment (《外商投資信息報告辦法》), which became effective on January 1, 2020. Pursuant to the Measures for Information Reporting on Foreign Investment, where a foreign investor carries out investment activities in China directly or indirectly, the foreign investor or the foreign-invested enterprise shall submit the investment information to the competent commerce department. On December 19, 2020, the NDRC and the MOFCOM jointly promulgated the Measures on the Security Review of Foreign Investment (《外商投資安全審查辦法》), effective on January 18, 2021, setting forth provisions concerning the security review mechanism on foreign investment, including the types of investments subject to review, review scopes and procedures.

Laws and Regulations on Foreign Exchange and Taxation

Foreign Exchange

On January 29, 1996, the State Council promulgated the Administrative Regulations on Foreign Exchange of the PRC (《中華人民共和國外匯管理條例》) which became effective on April 1, 1996 and was amended on January 14, 1997 and August 5, 2008. Foreign exchange payments under current account items shall be made using self-owned foreign currency or foreign currency purchased from financial institutions engaging in conversion and sale of foreign currencies by presenting the valid document. Domestic entities and domestic individuals making overseas direct investments or engaging in issuance and trading of overseas securities and derivatives shall process registration formalities pursuant to the provisions of the foreign exchange control department of the State Council.

On November 19, 2012, the SAFE issued the Circular of Further Improving and Adjusting Foreign Exchange Administration Policies on Foreign Direct Investment (《國家外匯管理局關於進一步改進和調整直接投資外匯管理政策的通知》) ("**the SAFE Circular 59**"), which came into effect on December 17, 2012 and was revised on May 4, 2015, October 10, 2018 and partially abolished on December 30, 2019. The SAFE Circular 59 aims to simplify the foreign exchange procedure and promote the facilitation of investment and trade. Later, the SAFE promulgated the Circular on Further Simplifying and Improving Foreign Exchange Administration Policies in Respect of Direct Investment (《關於進一步簡化和改進直接投資外匯管理政策的通知》) on February 13, 2015, which was partially abolished on December 30, 2019 and prescribed that the bank instead of SAFE can directly handle the foreign exchange registration and approval under foreign direct investment while SAFE and its branches indirectly supervise the foreign exchange registration and approval under foreign direct investment through the bank.

On May 10, 2013, the SAFE issued the Administrative Provisions on Foreign Exchange in Domestic Direct Investment by Foreign Investors (《外國投資者境內直接投資外匯管理規定》) ("**the SAFE Circular 21**"), which became effective on May 13, 2013, amended on October 10, 2018 and partially abolished on December 30, 2019. The SAFE Circular 21 specifies that the administration by SAFE or its local branches over direct investment by foreign investors in the PRC must be conducted by way of registration and banks must process foreign exchange business relating to the direct investment in the PRC based on the registration information provided by SAFE and its branches.

According to the Notice of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange on Issues Concerning the Foreign Exchange Administration of Overseas Listing (《國家外匯管理局關於境外上市外匯管理有關問題的通知》) issued by the SAFE on December 26, 2014, a domestic company shall, within 15 business days from the date of the end of its overseas listing issuance, register the overseas listing with the local branch office of state administration of foreign exchange at the place of its establishment; the proceeds from an overseas listing of a domestic company may be remitted to the domestic account or deposited in an overseas account, but the use of the proceeds shall be consistent with the content of the document and other disclosure documents.

On June 9, 2016, SAFE issued the Notice of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange on Reforming and Standardizing the Foreign Exchange Settlement Management Policy of Capital Account (《國家外匯管理局關於改革和規範資本項目結匯管理政策的通知》) ("**the SAFE Circular 16**"), which came into effect on the same day and was partially amended according to Notice of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange on Further Deepening Reforming to Facilitate Cross-border Trade and Investment (《國家外匯管理局關於進一步深化改革促進跨境貿易投資便利化的通知》) promulgated by the SAFE on December 4, 2023. The SAFE Circular 16 provides that discretionary foreign exchange settlement applies to foreign exchange capital, foreign debt offering proceeds and remitted foreign listing proceeds, and the corresponding RMB capital converted from foreign exchange may be used to extend loans to related parties or repay inter-company loans (including advances by third parties).

Taxation

Enterprise Income Tax

The Enterprise Income Tax Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國企業所得稅法》) ("**the EIT Law**"), promulgated by the NPC on March 16, 2007, came into effect on January 1, 2008 and amended on February 24, 2017 and December 29, 2018, as well as the Implementation Rules of the EIT Law (《中華人民共和國企業所得稅法實施條例》) ("**the Implementation Rules**"), promulgated by the State Council on December 6, 2007, came into force on January 1, 2008 and amended on April 23, 2019, are the principal law and regulation governing enterprise income tax in the PRC. According to the EIT Law and its Implementation Rules, enterprises are classified into resident enterprises and non-resident enterprises. A uniform income tax rate of 25% applies to all resident enterprises and non-resident enterprises that have set up institutions or sites in the PRC to the extent that such incomes are derived from their set-up institutions or sites in the PRC, or such income are obtained outside the PRC but have an actual connection with the set-up institutions or sites.

*Value-Added Tax (the "**VAT**")*

Pursuant to the Provisional Regulations of the PRC on Value-added Tax (《中華人民共和國增值稅暫行條例》) amended in November 2017, and the Detailed Rules for the Implementation of the Interim Regulations of the PRC on Value-Added Taxes (《中華人民共和國增值稅暫行條例實施細則》) amended in October 2011, all entities or individuals engaged in the sale of goods, provision of processing, repair and maintenance services, or importation of goods within China shall be value-added tax taxpayers and subject to value-added tax in accordance with relevant laws and regulations. Through the value-added tax reform in China, value-added tax rates have undergone multiple adjustments and value-added tax are regulated by the Value-Added Tax Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國增值稅法》), which was implemented in January 2026.

Laws and Regulations on Import and Export of Goods

According to the Foreign Trade Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國對外貿易法》) promulgated by the SCNPC on 12 May 1994, which was recently amended with immediate effect on 30 December 2022, and the Notice of the Department of Enterprise Management and Inspection on Matters Related to the Record-filing of Consignors and Consignees of Import and Export Goods (《企業管理和稽查司關於進出口貨物收發貨人備案有關事宜的通知》) published by the General Administration of Customs of the PRC with immediate effect on January 3, 2023, if consignors and consignees of import and export goods apply for record-filing, they shall obtain the market entity qualification and are not required to obtain the record-filing of foreign trade business operators.

Pursuant to the Customs Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國海關法》) enacted by the SCNPC on January 22, 1987, and subsequently amended on April 29, 2021, effective from the same date, the Customs of the PRC is vested with the authority for the supervision and administration of entry and exit points.

As delineated in the Regulations of PRC Customs on Administration of Recordation of Declaration Entities (《中華人民共和國海關報關單位備案管理規定》) promulgated by the General Administration of Customs on November 19, 2021, and implemented from January 1, 2022, the term "customs declaration entities" pertains to consignees and consignors of import and export goods, as well as customs declaration enterprises officially registered with the customs authorities. Entities seeking recordation are required to hold valid market entity qualifications.

According to the Export Control Law of the People's Republic of China (《中華人民共和國出口管制法》) promulgated by the SCNPC on October 17, 2020 and effective as of December 1, 2020, the state implements a licensing system for the export of controlled items. Pursuant to the Regulations of the People's Republic of China on the Export Control of Dual-Use Items (《中華人民共和國兩用物項出口管制條例》) promulgated by the State Council on September 30, 2024 and effective on December 1, 2024, the export of dual-use items shall obtain a single license, a general license in accordance with the provisions of the Export Control Law and these Regulations, or obtain an export certificate by means of registration and information declaration.

Laws and Regulations on Information Security and Data

Privacy Data Security and Data Export

The SCNPC promulgated the Data Security Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國數據安全法》) on June 10, 2021, which became effective from September 1, 2021, for the establishment of a data classification and grading protection system to conduct classified and hierarchical protection of data.

On December 28, 2021, the Cyberspace Administration of China (the "**CAC**") and other twelve PRC regulatory authorities jointly revised and promulgated the Measures for Cybersecurity Review (《網絡安全審查辦法》) (the "**Cyber Review Measures**"), which came into effect on February 15, 2022.

According to the Measures on Security Assessment of Cross-border Data Transfer (《數據出境安全評估辦法》) issued by the CAC on July 7, 2022 and effective on September 1, 2022, a data processor that provides data overseas under any of the following circumstances shall apply to the national cyberspace administration for the security assessment of the outbound data transfer through local provincial cyberspace administration: (i) a data processor provides important data abroad; (ii) the CIIO or the data processor that has processed the personal information of more than 1 million people provides personal information abroad; (iii) the data processor that has provided the personal information of over 100,000 people or the sensitive personal information of over 10,000 people cumulatively since January 1 of the previous year provides personal information abroad; and (iv) any other circumstance where an application for the security assessment of outbound data transfer is required by the national cyberspace administration.

According to the Measures for Standard Contract for Outbound Transfer of Personal Information (《個人信息出境標準合同辦法》) issued by the CAC on February 22, 2023 and effective from June 1, 2023, to provide personal information to an overseas recipient through the conclusion of the standard contract, a personal information processor shall meet all of the following circumstances: (i) it is not a CIIO; (ii) it has processed the personal information of less than one million individuals; (iii) it has cumulatively provided the personal information of less than 100,000 individuals to overseas recipients since January 1 of the previous year; and (iv) it has cumulatively provided the sensitive personal information of less than 10,000 individuals since January 1 of the previous year.

According to the Provisions on Promoting and Regulating Cross-border Data Flows (《促進和規範數據跨境流動規定》), which was promulgated by the CAC on March 22, 2024 and came into effect on the same day, if the data have not been informed or publicly announced as important data by relevant departments or regions, data handlers are not required to declare security assessment for cross-border provision of the data as important data.

Personal Information Protection

According to the Civil Code of the PRC (《中華人民共和國民法典》), personal information of natural persons is protected by law. The Personal Information Protection Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國個人信息保護法》) promulgated by the SCNPC on August 20, 2021 and implemented on November 1, 2021 further emphasizes the obligations and responsibilities of processors for the protection of personal information, and requests higher level of protective measures on the processing of sensitive personal information.

According to the Cybersecurity Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國網絡安全法》) promulgated by the SCNPC on November 7, 2016 and effective on June 1, 2017, network operators must follow the principles of legality, legitimacy and necessity when collecting and using personal information, publicly disclose the rules for collection and use, clearly state the purpose, method and scope of collecting and using information, and obtain the consent of the person whose data is being collected.

Laws and Regulations on Overseas Securities Offering and Listing by Domestic Companies

Securities Law of the PRC

The Securities Law of the People's Republic of China (《中華人民共和國證券法》) (the "**Securities Law**") took effect on July 1, 1999 and was revised on August 28, 2004, October 27, 2005, June 29, 2013, August 31, 2014 and December 28, 2019, respectively. The latest revised Securities Law came into effect on March 1, 2020. The Securities Law comprehensively regulates activities in the PRC securities market. Article 224 of the Securities Law provides that domestic enterprises shall comply with the relevant provisions of the State Council to list its shares outside the PRC.

Overseas Listing

On February 17, 2023, the CSRC promulgated the Overseas Listing Trial Measures and relevant supporting guidelines, which came into effect on March 31, 2023. Any domestic company that is deemed to conduct overseas offering and listing activities shall file with the CSRC in accordance with the Overseas Listing Trial Measures.

Pursuant to the Overseas Listing Trial Measures, an issuer shall file with the CSRC within three business days after its application for initial public offering is submitted to competent overseas securities regulators.

H-share Full Circulation

"Full circulation" means listing and circulating on the stock exchange of the Domestic Unlisted Shares of an H-share listed company, including Unlisted Domestic Shares held by domestic shareholders prior to overseas listing, Domestic Unlisted Shares additionally issued after overseas listing, and Domestic Unlisted Shares held by foreign shareholders. On November 14, 2019, the CSRC issued the Guidelines for the "Full Circulation" Program for Domestic Unlisted Shares of H-share Listed Companies (《H股公司境內未上市股份申請"全流通"業務指引》) (the "**Guidelines for the Full Circulation**"), which was partly revised on August 10, 2023 according to the Decision on Revising and Abolishing Part of Securities and Futures Policy Documents by CSRC (《中國證券監督管理委員會關於修改、廢止部分證券期貨制度文件的決定》).

To apply for full circulation, an H-share listed company shall file the application with the CSRC according to the administrative filing procedures necessary for the Overseas Listing Trial Measures. After the application for full circulation has been approved by the CSRC, the H-share listed company shall submit a report on the relevant situation to the CSRC within 15 days after the registration with CSDCC of the shares related to the application has been completed.

On December 31, 2019, CSDCC and the Shenzhen Stock Exchange ("**SZSE**") jointly announced the Measures for Implementation of H-share Full Circulation Business (《H股"全流通"業務實施細則》) (the "**Measures for Implementation**"). The businesses in relation to the H-share full circulation business are subject to the Measures for Implementation.

On September 20, 2024, the Shenzhen Branch of CSDC issued the Guidelines to the Program for "Full Circulation" of H-shares of Shenzhen Branch of China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited (《中國證券登記結算有限責任公司深圳分公司H股"全流通"業務指南》), which are applicable to the business preparation, cross-border share transfer registration and overseas centralized custody, the initial maintenance of details of domestic shareholding and the maintenance of its changes, corporate actions, clearing, settlement and risk management measures. On the same day, China Securities Depository and Clearing (Hong Kong) Company Limited issued the H-Share Full Circulation Business Guide of China Securities Depository and Clearing (Hong Kong) Limited (《中國證券登記結算(香港)有限公司H股"全流通"業務指南》), which is applicable to businesses such as share custody and depository, agent service, arrangement for settlement and delivery, and risk management measures.

Confidentiality and Archives Administration

On February 24, 2023, the CSRC, the MOF, the National Administration of State Secrets Protection and the National Archives Administration jointly released the revised Provisions on Strengthening the Confidentiality and Archives Administration of Overseas Securities Offering and Listing by Domestic Companies (《關於加強境內企業境外發行證券和上市相關保密和檔案管理工作的規定》) (the "**Archives Administration Provisions**"), which came into effect on March 31, 2023. According to the Archives Administration Provisions, the domestic companies shall establish and implement a solid confidentiality and archives administration system and take necessary measures to fulfill the confidentiality and archives administration obligations.

In terms of providing accounting archives or copies thereof to any other entities or persons (such as securities companies, securities services providers and overseas regulators), the Archives Administration Provisions stipulate that relevant governmental procedures should be complied with. Any violation of the above regulations may subject the domestic companies to regulatory penalties under the Safeguarding State Secrets Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國保守國家秘密法》) and the Archives Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國檔案法》) and even criminal liabilities to the extent applicable.

Sanctions Laws and Regulations

United States

The Office of Foreign Assets Control ("**OFAC**") is the primary agency responsible for administering U.S. sanctions programmes against targeted countries, entities, and individuals. "Primary" U.S. sanctions apply to "U.S. persons" or activities involving a U.S. nexus (e.g., funds transfers in U.S. currency even if performed by non-U.S. persons), and "secondary" U.S. sanctions apply extraterritorially to the activities of non-U.S. persons even when the transaction has no U.S. nexus.

Depending on the sanctions program and/or parties involved, U.S. law also may require a U.S. company or a U.S. person to "block" (freeze) any assets/property interests owned, controlled or held for the benefit of a sanctioned country, entity, or individual when such assets/property interests are in the United States or within the possession or control of a U.S. person.

OFAC's comprehensive sanctions programmes currently apply to Cuba, Iran, North Korea, the Crimea region of Russia/Ukraine, and the self-proclaimed Luhansk People's Republic (LPR) and Donetsk People's Republic (DPR) regions and Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions (the comprehensive OFAC sanctions programme against Sudan was terminated on October 12, 2017). OFAC also prohibits virtually all business dealings with persons and entities identified in the SDN List. Entities that a party on the SDN List owns (defined as a direct or indirect ownership interest of 50% or more, individually or in the aggregate) are also blocked, regardless of whether that entity is expressly named on the SDN List. Additionally, U.S. persons, wherever located, are prohibited from approving, financing, facilitating, or guaranteeing any transaction by a non-U.S. person where the transaction by that non-U.S. person would be prohibited if performed by a U.S. person or within the United States.

United Nations

The United Nations Security Council (the "**UNSC**") can take action to maintain or restore international peace and security under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter. Sanctions measures encompass a broad range of enforcement options that do not involve the use of armed force. Since 1966, the UNSC has established 30 sanctions regimes.

European Union

Under European Union sanction measures, it is not generally prohibited or otherwise restricted for a person or entity to do business (involving non-controlled or unrestricted items) with a counterparty in a country subject to European Union sanctions where that counterparty is not a Sanctioned Target and not engaged in prohibited activities, such as exporting, selling, transferring or making certain controlled or restricted products available (either directly or indirectly) to, or for use in a jurisdiction subject to sanctions measures, provided that no funds and economic resources are made available to the Sanctioned Targets.

In recent years, the EU expanded its sanctions designation powers related to Russia's invasion of Ukraine to reach beyond traditional jurisdictional boundaries. These measures function similarly by enabling the designation of non Russian and non Belarussian persons or entities if they are deemed to contribute to or benefit from Russia's actions.

The EU has increasingly designated Mainland Chinese and Hong Kong individuals and companies for allegedly "frustrating" or "supporting" sanctions against Russia, or for materially supporting activities that threaten Ukraine's territorial integrity, sovereignty, and independence.

Similarly, EU sanctions against Russia permit the listing of persons or entities, regardless of nationality, who "support or implement" actions undermining Ukraine's integrity or "materially or financially" back such actions. As a result, these regimes have introduced what market practitioners now commonly refer to as "EU secondary sanctions" or "ancillary listings."

United Kingdom and United Kingdom overseas territories

Starting from January 1, 2021, the United Kingdom applies its own sanctions programs and has extended its autonomous sanctions regimes to apply to and in the United Kingdom overseas territories.

Similar to the EU, under the UK's Russia sanctions regulations, authorities may designate any person they have "reasonable grounds to suspect" of being "involved" in destabilizing Ukraine or supporting the Russian government. The UK has relied on these provisions to target individuals and entities with no UK connection other than their association with Russian-linked activities.

Australia

The Australian restrictions and prohibitions arising from the sanctions laws apply broadly to any person in Australia, any Australian anywhere in the world, companies incorporated overseas that are owned or controlled by Australians or persons in Australia, and/or any person using an Australian flag vessel or aircraft to transport goods or transact services subject to United Nations sanctions.

U.S. Export Controls

The United States has implemented and has proposed additional restrictions, some of which may impact Chinese companies, including us. The United States has increased export controls restrictions on China through the Export Administration Regulations (the "**EAR**"), administered by the Bureau of Industry and Security of the U.S. Department of Commerce (the "**BIS**"), which includes a list of foreign persons on which certain trade restrictions are imposed, including businesses, research institutions, government and private organizations, individuals and other types of legal persons (the "**Entity List**"). Where a foreign person is included on the Entity List, the export, re-export and/or transfer (in-country) of items which are subject to the EAR generally is prohibited unless the specified license requirements are met.

In addition, EAR also maintains a list of items, software, and technology that are subject to export controls (the "**Commerce Control List**"). The Commerce Control List is primarily based on multilateral export control lists, such as the Wassenaar Arrangement's List of Dual-Use Goods and Technologies and Munitions List, BIS can also implement unilateral licensing requirements and other controls on items subject to U.S. export controls jurisdiction that can restrict exports and reexports to certain countries, as well as transfers within a country to a different end-user or end-use. The Commerce Control List is divided into ten categories, represented by the first digit of the Export Control Classification Number ("**ECCN**"). Each ECCN is subject to the respective control(s) and licensing requirement applicable for sales to controlled countries and/or entities.