

# The Legal Affairs Department and Risk Management

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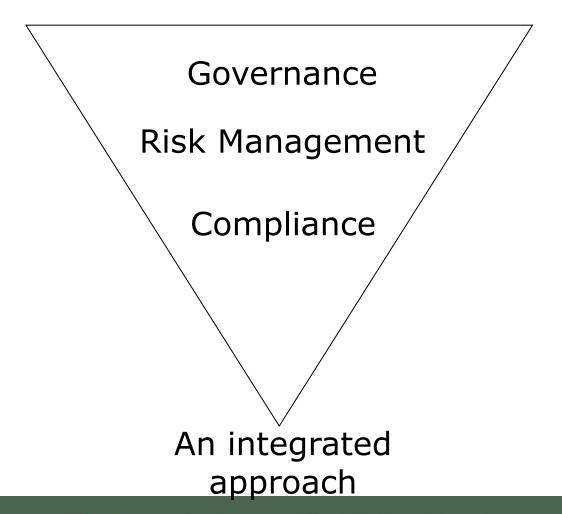


# Compliance management? Risk Management?

- Compliance management implies organising and implementing processes to increase compliance with rules or principles (issued by legislators or regulators, professional associations or internally) within an organisation
- Compliance management aims above all at protecting the company and its employees against legal sanctions (prohibition to perform activities, invalid contracts, contractual, civil or criminal liability,...)
- Risk management implies the process of assessing risk and acting in such a manner, and/or prescribing policies and procedures, so as to avoid or minimize loss associated with such risk.

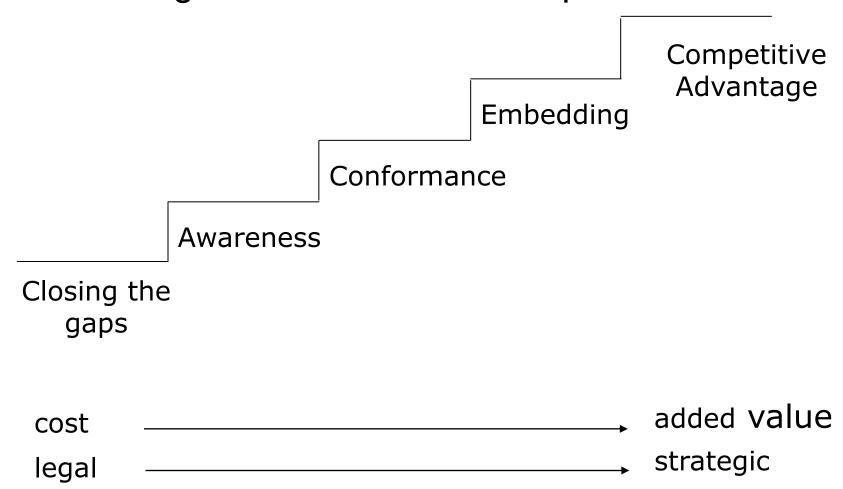


# Risk Management is a part of GRC



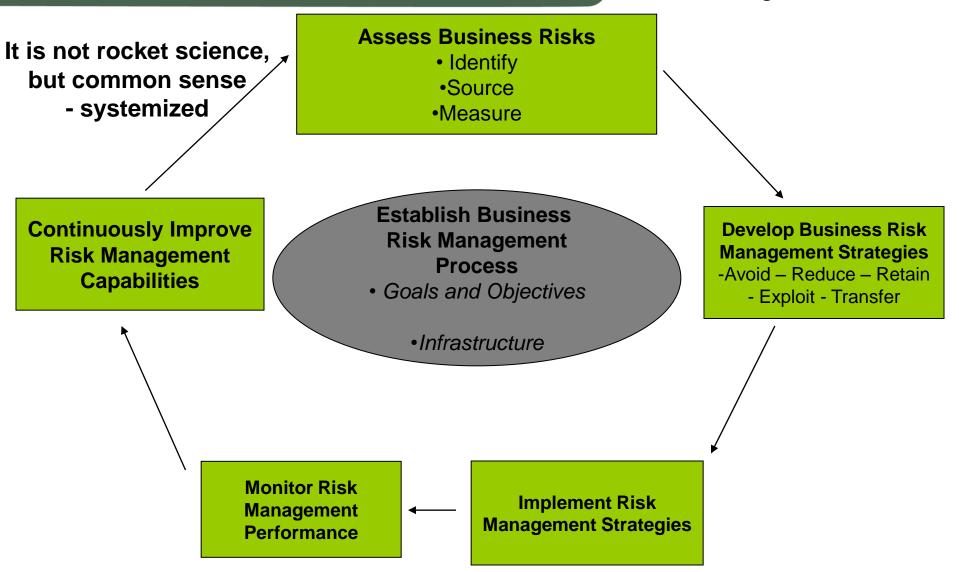


## Risk Management: the various steps

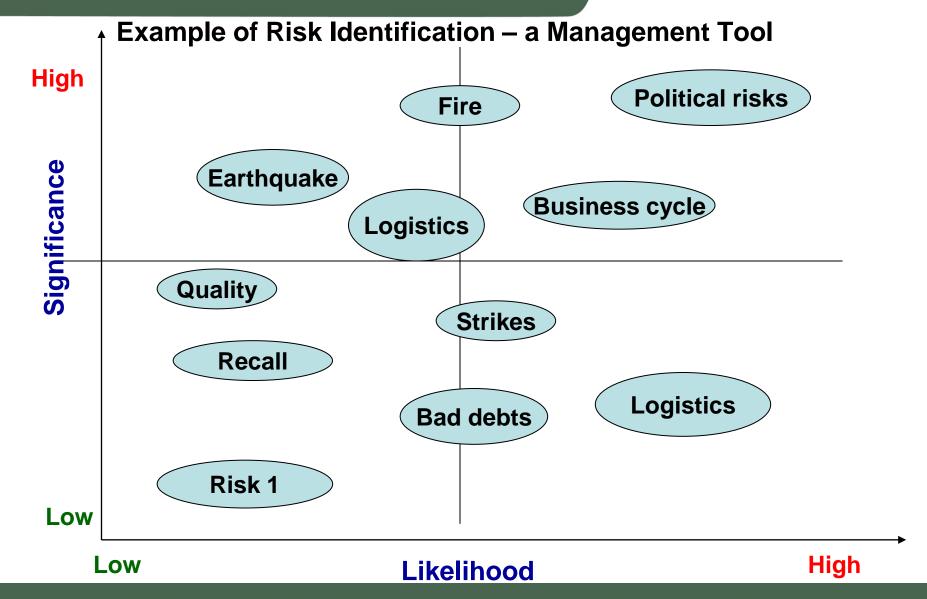




#### Risk Management Process









### **Assess Likelihood of Occurrence**

- A:
  - The risk will certainly come up with limited time (this year)
  - **-** 76-100%
- B:
  - The risk will probably come up (this year or next year)
  - **-** 51-75 %
- C
  - The risk will probably come up medium term (2-4 years)
  - **26-50 %**
- D:
  - The risk will probably not come up or very long term (5 years or above)
  - **-** 0-25 %



# Assess Consequence & Severity

- A: Severe
  - Extensive management time spend on solving issue
  - Severe financial consequence
  - Destroys brand value immediately (international brands)
- B: High
  - Management involvement on ad hoc basis
  - Some financial consequence
  - Has potential for destroying brand value at short term (international brands) or immediate effect on local brands
- C: Limited
  - Limited management involvement
  - Limited financial consequence
  - Has potential of destroying brand value of local brands
- D: Low/None
  - No Management involvement, no direct financial consequence in short term



# Risk Leads to Following Exposures

- Financial Exposure
- Personal Exposure
- Combination
- Reputational Exposure



# Ownership

## Assign responsibilities of risks

Who (from legal) owns the risk?

## Prepare action plans – one for each of top 10 risks

- What should be done?
- Who should do it?
- What are the early warning signals to look for?
- How and who will monitor the risks and look for early warnings?



# Legal Risk Management

Regulatory & Compliance

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Resolution

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Governance & Company Secretaria

Who & What; Prioritize; Need & Requirements; Outside Counsels Management; Communication & Reports; Objectives & Measures; Database; Professional Development; Knowledge Sharing



# What is Expected from EMEA Legal?

- Regulatory and Compliance
- 1. Competition law
  - 1. Direct business/contacts with competitors (including trade associations, OEM business,...)
  - 2. Pricing (discounts/rebates, bonus systems,...)
  - 3. Vertical agreements (block exemption)
- 2. Environmental law (e.g. sites, REACH)
- 3. EU Privacy regulations
- 4. GVT affairs (consumer rights, tire labeling,...)
- 5. Export control & FCPA
- 6. Code of Business Conduct
- 7. Reporting & Certification (activities, claims,...)
- 8. Fraud
- 9. Compliance training
- Claim and Dispute Resolution
- 1. Restructurings (including tax, HR, ...)
- 2. Product liability
- 3. Insurance (claims notification, broker relationships,...)
- 4. Dispute resolution / Litigation, Arbitration

- Contract and Matter Management
- 1. Projects
- 2. Brand positioning & protection (IP, trademarks)
- 3. Advertising
- 4. Contract management (database, legal approvals)
- 5. Standard agreements
- 6. General terms & conditions (sale & purchase)
- 7. Distribution networks (retail & franchise networks)
- 8. M&A & divestitures
- 9. Outsourcing
- Governance and Company Secretarial
- 1. Shareholders Agreements
- 2. Company structures
- 3. Companies set up with competitors
- 4. Directors / Officers and Company Secretarial duties
- 5. Delegations of authority, authorized signatures
- 6. Board-related activities (appointments, governance guidelines, ...)
- 7. D&O liability insurance



## What is Expected from the Business?

- Regulatory and Compliance
- 1. KNOW THE BASIC LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND THE COMPANY POLICIES APPLICABLE TO YOUR BUSINESS AREA
- 2. COMPLY WITH CODE OF BUSINESS CONDUCT AND CONDUCT ANNUAL FORMAL REVIEWS
- 3. SEEK FOR TRAINING
- 4. REPORT NON-COMPLIANCE or DOUBTS
- 5. LEAD BY EXAMPLE

- Governance and Company Secretarial
- 1. KNOW YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES
- 2. TAKE BOARD MEMBERSHIP SERIOUSLY
- 3. THE LOCAL ENTITY BOARD, NOT THE EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENTTEAM, IS LIABLE TOWARDS THIRD PARTIES.
- 4. THE BOARD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR <u>ALL</u> ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE LEGAL ENTITY
- 5. DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE COST AND PERSONAL CONSEQUENCES OF NON COMPLIANCE

- Contract and Matter Management
- 1. YOU SHOULD KNOW AND UNDERSTAND ANY COMMITMENT STATED IN AGREEMENTS OR EXPRESSED OTHERWISE (INCLUDING IN E-MAILS!)
- 2. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY SUCH COMMITMENT
- 3. USE STANDARD AGREEMENTS PROVIDED BY EMEA LEGAL AND, WHERE AVAILABLE, CONTRACT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
- 4. PROVIDE SUFFICIENT DETAIL AND PUT EFFORT IN ANY DRAFT SUBMITTED TO EMEA LEGAL
- 5. SEEK ADVICE IN THE EARLIEST STAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS
- 6. BE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE AND VALUE OF BRANDS AND OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS OF THE COMPANY
- 7. ASSESS RELEVANT LEGAL ENTITY AND BUSINESS APPROVER
- Claim and Dispute Resolution
- DO NOT TAKE A POSITION ON LIABILITY WITHOUT PRIOR LEGAL CONSULTATION (EARLY INVOLVEMENT OF LEGAL REQUIRED)
- 2. CONSULT AND COMPLY WITH ADJUSTMENT & CLAIMS HANDLING POLICY
- 3. REPORT MATERIAL CLAIMS IMMEDIATELY TO LEGAL AND MANAGEMENT



# Claim/Risk Description

Plaintiff / Third Party	
Defendant / Legal Entity involved	
Risk areas	
Date of filing / of occurrence	
Court (if any)	
Next step	
Decision	
Option(s)	
Basis for the risk	
Consequences	
Likelihood	
Significance	
Counsel	



#### Outline of Legal Risk Categories

Regulatory & Compliance

Competition law

Privacy

Export control

**FCPA** 

JV

Environmental

New laws + regulations

Diversity of legal systems/Laws

Health & Safety Employer/Employee

Contractual

Contract management system

Standard agreements/clauses

Contract database contractual liability/risks

Contractual policies + guidelines

**Operational** Corporate memory

Product liability

Uderstanding of legal requirements

Policies + guidelines Advertising/marketing Sales + distribution

JV

IP/trademarks

**Corporate Governance** Roles + responsibilities of BOD

Liability exposure of BOD members empowerment to represent the company

Maintenance of corporate company books/records

Legal Function Resources/location

Outside counsel management

Knowledge sharing Communication Prioritization Budget

Skills processes/systems