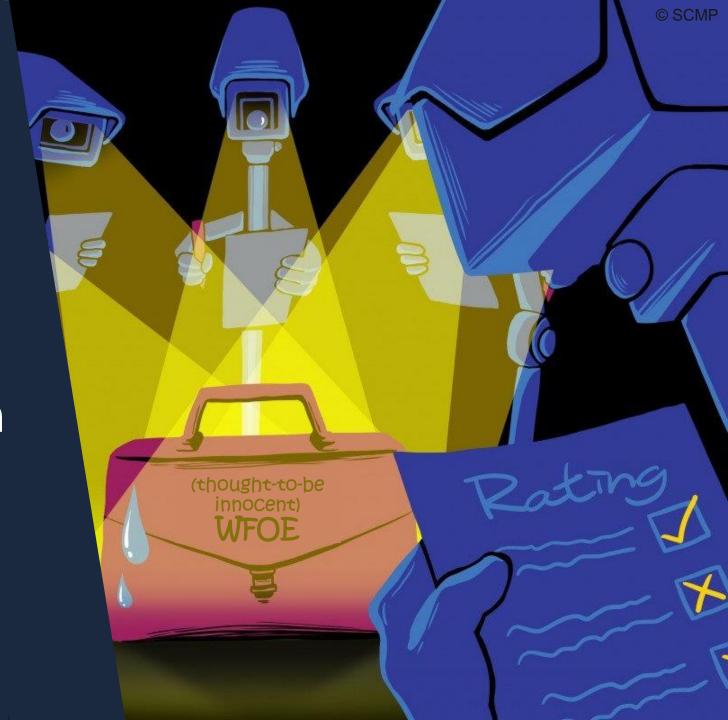


# China's Corporate Social Credit System

What Businesses Need to Know



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  - What is Social Credit?
  - What is the Social Credit System (SCS)?
  - **▶** What is the Corporate Social Credit System (CSCS)?
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  - ➤ What are the challenges for companies operating in China?
  - **→** How does COVID-19 affect the system and its development?
  - > Is it too late to prepare?

#### **SOCIAL CREDIT** was introduced to:



## "...allow the trustworthy to roam

everywhere under heaven while

## making it hard for the discredited

to take a single step."

State Council – June 14, 2014

# "Social Credit System"

# 社会信用体系

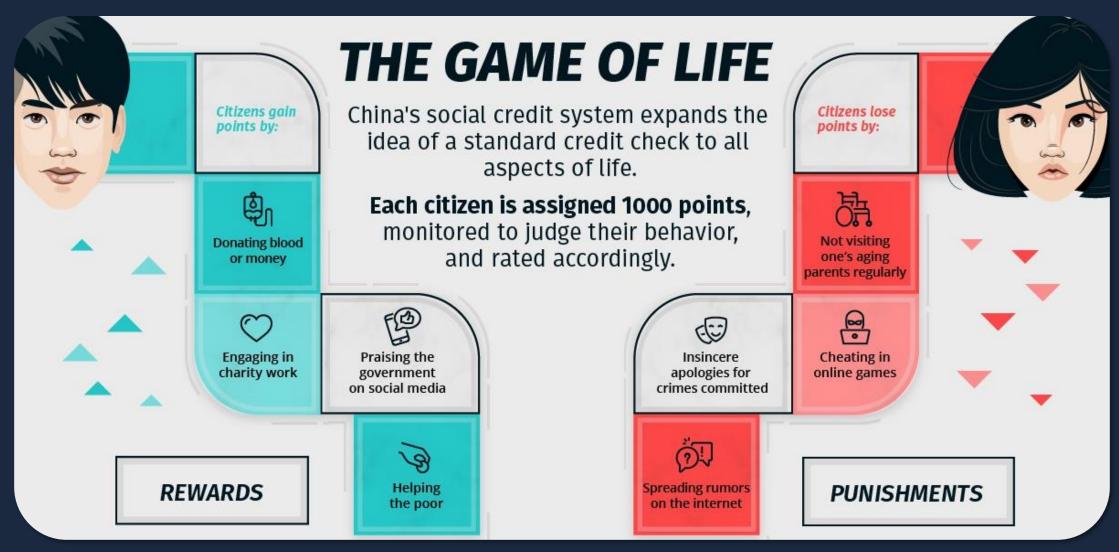
China's plan to

regulate business and citizen behavior

with incentive schemes



## **Individual Social Credit System**



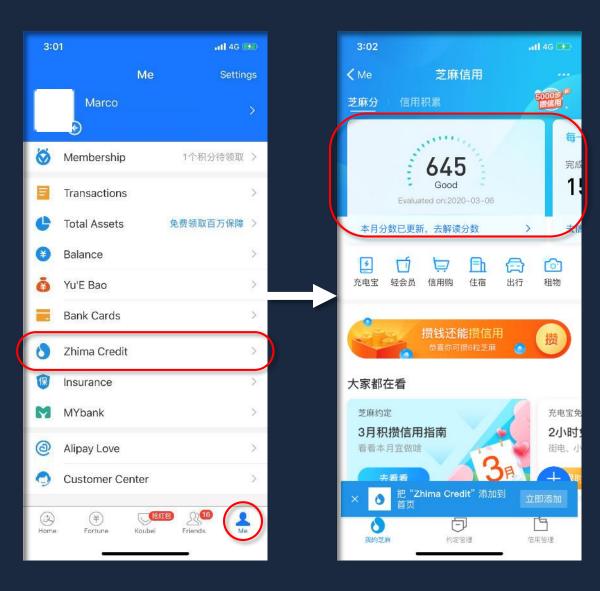
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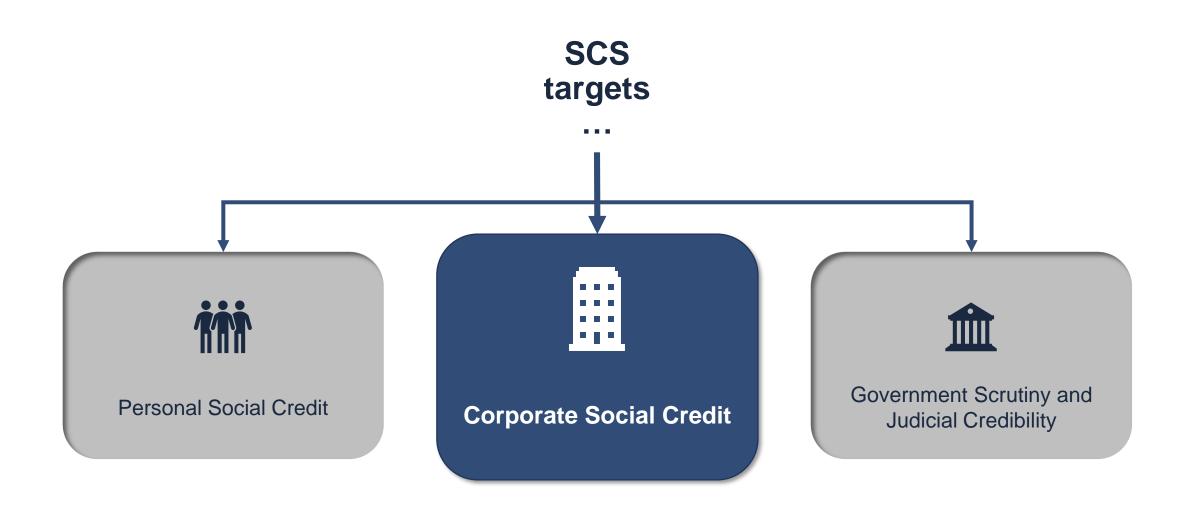
## How Could your Personal Social Credit Score Look Like?

1. Open the Alipay 支付宝 App



- 2. Click on the "Me"-tab below
- 3. Click on Zhima 芝麻 (Sesame) Credit
- 4. See your score





#### China's Corporate Social Credit System (CSCS):

# The Biggest Upcoming Change in Compliance in China

Prom

Direct market access restrictions for companies

To Automated influence on market participation for all companies



## It Started Already...

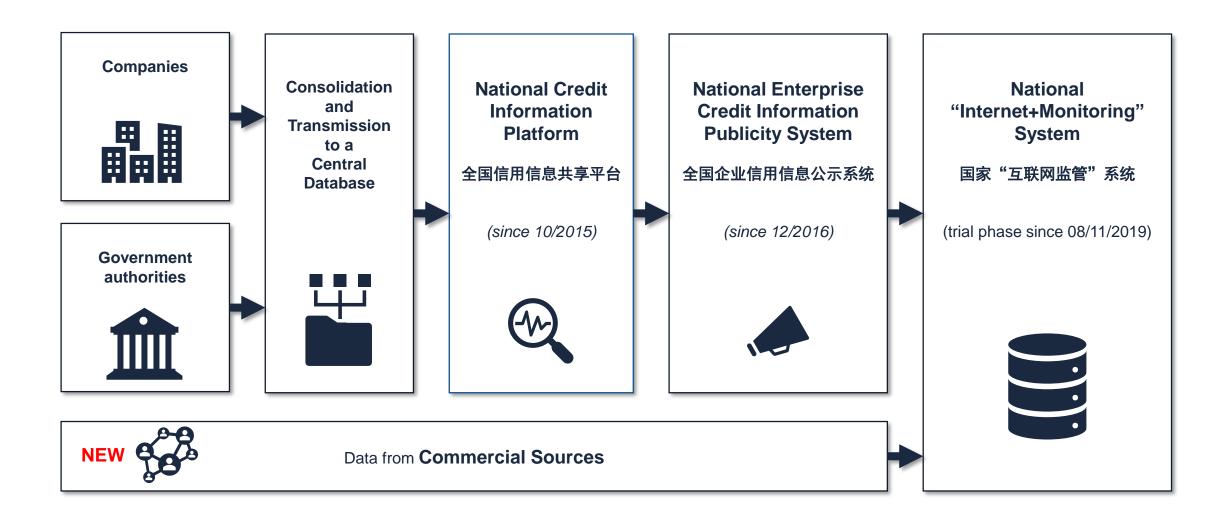
### All companies in China

are **already** 

being rated under the Corporate Social Credit System,

with several having already felt the impact of negative rating results.

## Feeding into, and Bringing it all Together



## **New Measures and Requirements**



**Supervision and control of business partners** 



## **Example:** Customs Authentication Rating (Inspections)

Average inspection rate (进出口平均检查率) for an AEO certified enterprise: 0.54%



Average inspection rate for a distrusted customs enterprise:

96.29%

Source: CreditChina

## **Example:** Customs Authentication Rating (Repercussions)



## The National "Internet+Monitoring" System



#### The New Official Government Services Website



## The National Enterprise Credit Information Publicity System



## NCIPS Front Page (gsxt.gov.cn)



请输入企业名称、统一社会信用代码或注册号

查 询

热搜榜: 广东皓景新材料科技有... 融金在线资本管理 (北... 融金在线资本管理 (青...

更多

Companies can be searched by entering the name or the 18-digit Unified Social Credit Number (统一社会信用代码) which every company in China has







企业信息填报



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使用帮助

## This page requires patience...







1)
'Difficult Captchas'
for non-native
speakers
(clicking on words to
match up a saying)

**Error after searching** (usually occurred to me when searching for the company name and not the 18-digit code)

3) Error after successful search and clicking on the company name

(just try 'open in a new tab' for a few times)

## Once you're through... NCIPS Company Directory Page



## When scrolling down...



## Where Else to Find Information About Your Company:

More 'User-Friendly' Alternatives



Official government website on key information regarding the SCS

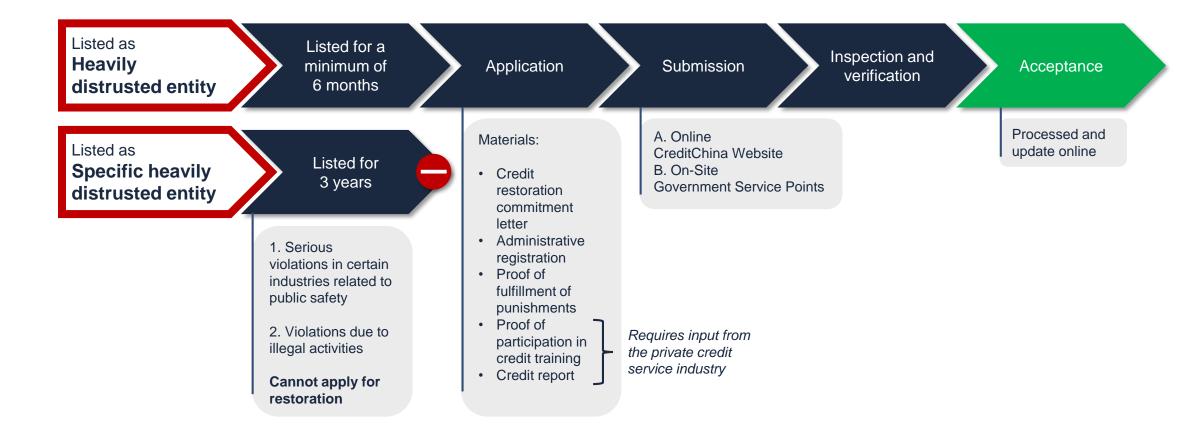


Private enterprise information, business data and management personnel query system



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#### **Credit Restoration**



## **The Corporate Social Credit System Amidst COVID-19**



Failure to pay social contributions in time will not negatively affect the corporate social credit score

#### Beijing:

• negative credit records of SMEs due to the epidemic situation shall not be included in the municipal public credit information system for the time being.

#### Shanghai:

- delayed delivery/deferred repayment of loans, etc. for now not be recorded as bad credit
- Credit repair assistance

#### **Jiangsu Province:**

· Credit repair mechanism adoption, assistance and instructions

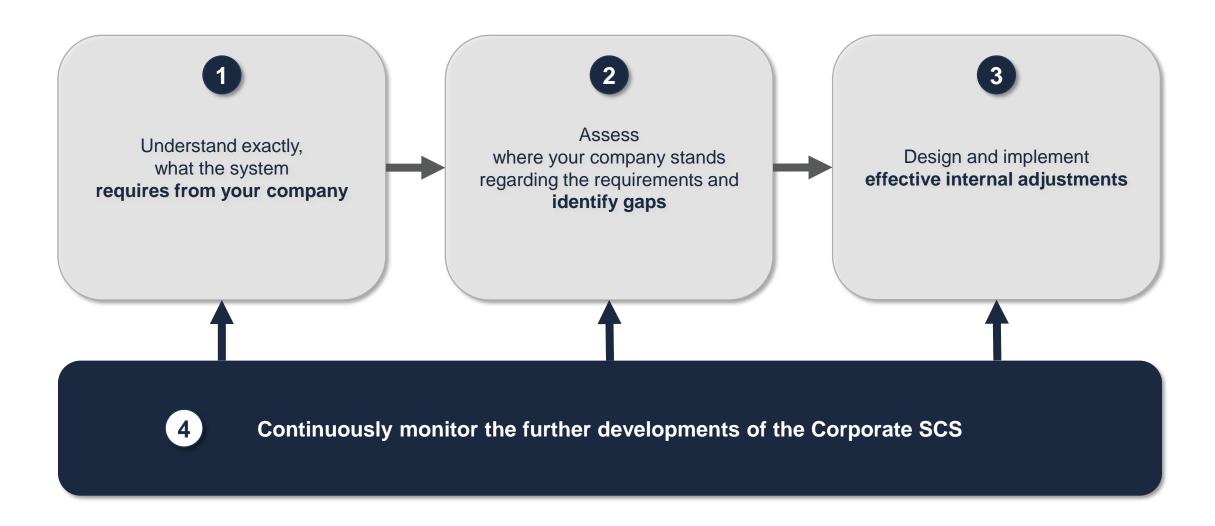
Other local governments have included records of violation of laws during the epidemic into CSCS:

- · Driving up prices of medical equipment
- · Manufacturing/selling fake/inferior medical equipment
- Massive layoffs during epidemic
- Personal SCS: Refusing to be quarantined, entering public areas/taking public transportation when infected

#### Be careful with force majeure:

Using force majeure as excuse to help a company's business partners in the supply chain to avoid the default of their contracts might mitigate the impact on the credit score of the said company itself

## Time to prepare. It's not too late...



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