

An Introduction to Transfer Pricing

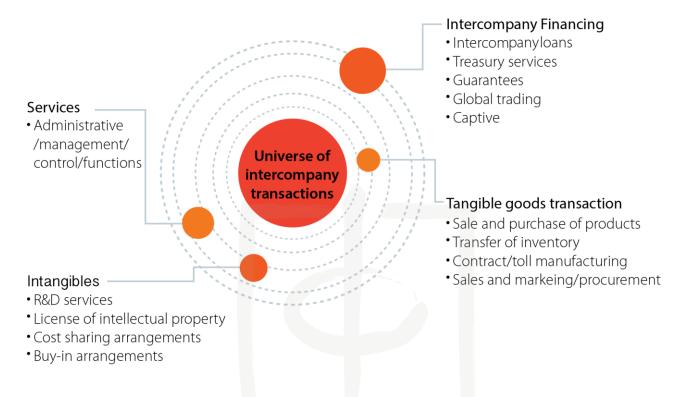
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### **Section One**

## What is Transfer Pricing?





A closer look at the Chinese Transfer Pricing Regulations specifically provides guidance on each of these categories of transactions.



## **Definition & History**

Pricing for transactions incurred between related parties

#### Early 20th Century:

- Often used for tax avoidance
- Slow and gradual development
- Governments quite tolerant

#### 1980s:

- Globalization
- MNCs started to use it to remit profits
- Problems and concerns



### **Section Two**

Recent Changes in Transfer Pricing Regulations



## Recent Changes in Legislation

- Mid-1980s: Call for tightening of TP regulations
- Solution in recent years: Introduction of the BEPS action plan

**BEPS = Base Erosion and Profit Shifting** 



### **BEPS** Development

G20 Finance
Minister and
Central Bank
Governor Meeting

OECD and G20 countries adopted a 15-point Action Plan

**Final Reports** 

June 2012

September 2013

➤ October 2015



### **Action Plan**

**Action 5:** Countering Harmful Tax Practices More Effectively, Taking into Account Transparency and Substance

**Action 6:** Preventing the Granting of Treaty Benefits in Inappropriate Circumstances

**Action 13:** Transfer Pricing Documentation and Countryby-Country Reporting

**Action 14:** Making Dispute Resolution Mechanisms
More Effective

**Action 2:** Neutralizing the Effects of Hybrid Mismatch Arrangements

**Action 3:** Designing Effective Controlled Foreign Company Rules

**Action 4:** Limiting Base Erosion Involving Interest Deductions and Other Financial Payments

Action 12: Mandatory Disclosure Rules

**Action 7:** Preventing the Artificial Avoidance of Permanent Establishment Status

**Action 8~10:** Aligning Transfer Pricing Outcomes with Value Creation

15 Actions

**Action 1:** Addressing the Tax Challenges of Digital Economy

Action 11: Measuring and Monitoring BEPS

**Action 15:** Developing a Multilateral Instrument to Modify Bilateral Tax Treaties



## Key Focus Points of Action Plan

- Introducing coherence in the domestic rules that affect cross-border activities
- Reinforcing substance requirements in the existing international standards
- Improving transparency as well as certainty

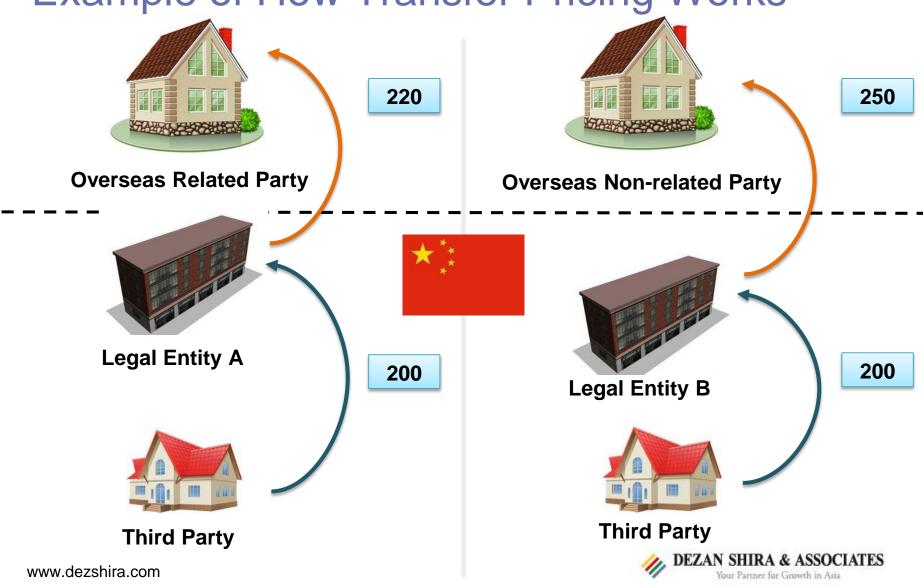


### **Section Three**

How Transfer Pricing Works?



## Example of How Transfer Pricing Works



## Transfer Pricing Methods

Traditional transaction methods

Comparable uncontrolled price method (CUP)

Resale price method (RPM)

Cost plus method (CPM)

Transactional profit method

Transactional net margin method (TNM)

Transactional profit split method (PSM)

Other methods

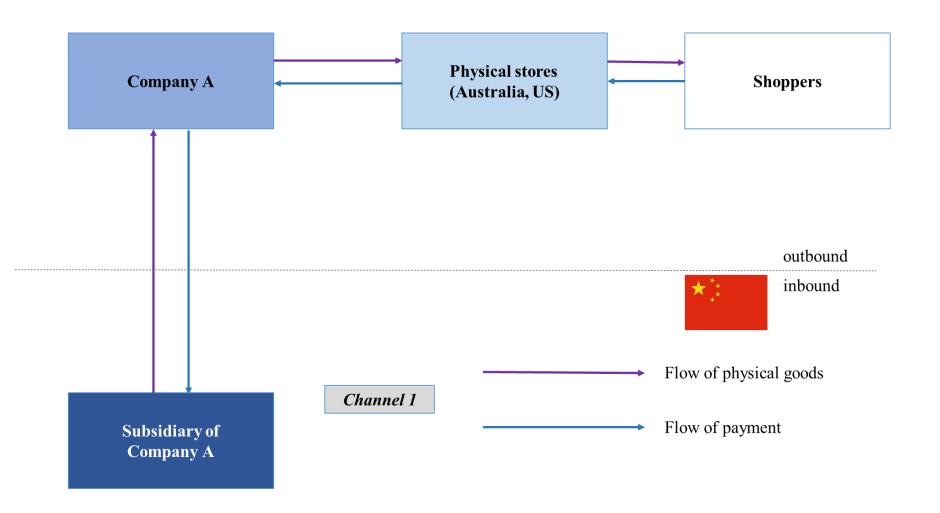
Global formulary apportionment

Valuation techniques

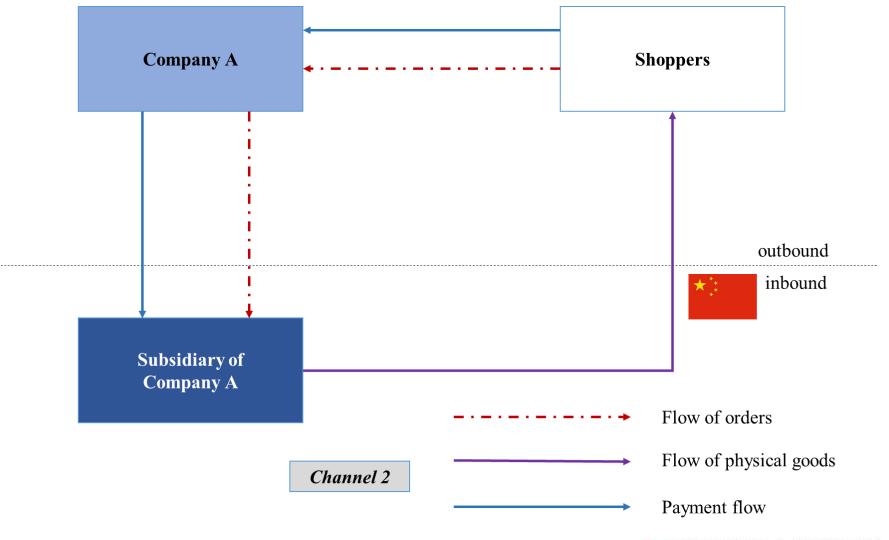


Type of Transaction	Methods that may be suitable	Commonly used method
Provision of manufacturing services/Provision of R&D services/Provision of strategic management and administrative services	CUP/CPM/TNMM/PSM	TNMM
Distribution of product	CUP/RPM/TNMM/PSM	TNMM
License of royalty/ patent/known-how	CUP/PSM	CUP
Integrated business operation involving intangibles on both parties	PSM	PSM
Intercompany Financing	CUP	CUP









**Section Four** 

# Transfer Pricing in China



## **Transfer Pricing Legislation**



## **Transfer Pricing Documentation**

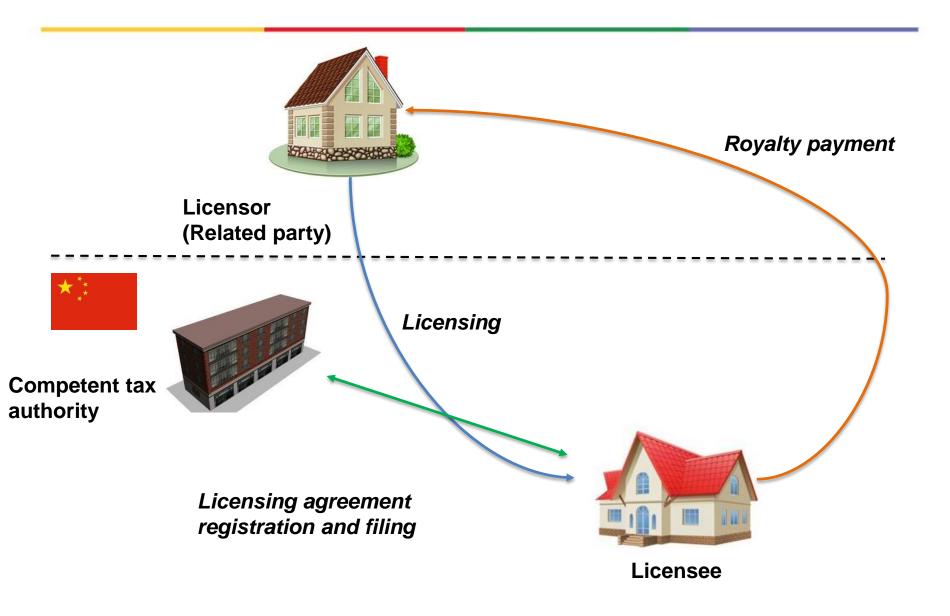
Related-party Transaction Reporting	Country-by-country Report (CbC)	
Transfer Pricing Contemporaneous Documentation	Master File	
	Local File	
Advanced Pricing Arrangement	APA Procedure Update	
	Value Chain Analysis	
	Location Specific Analysis	



## Some Tips

- Carry out a self-check to see if conditions of new rule apply
- Get started as early as possible
- Opt for a more experienced consultant







### **Section Five**

## Practical Transfer Pricing Tips



## Frequently Asked Questions

- What is China's Transfer Pricing policy?
- What do we need to do to comply?
- When do we need to prepare a Transfer Pricing study?
- How should we make intragroup outbound payments?



## Q&A Session

## Please submit your questions and comments in the question bar





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