

CFIUS EXECUTIVE ORDER IS MORE PR THAN RADICAL CHANGE

The Committee on Foreign Investment in the US (CFIUS) was subject to a rare executive order in September. This is the first time in CFIUS's nearly 50-year history that the president has expressly directed it to consider specific sets of factors in its review of national-security risks arising from covered transactions in the US. [Kenneth Mendelson](#) points out, "The executive order does not change CFIUS's jurisdiction, mandate, remedies or resources ... CFIUS always had broad discretion regarding how to interpret national security risk, and how to prioritize and weigh the considerations that guide their decision-making." (Paywall)



KENNETH MENDELSON CISSP, CIPP, CISA, PCIP

Senior Managing Director

Ken Mendelson has spent more than 30 years at the intersection of law, information technology and public policy. As a member of the National Security Practice, Ken manages governance, risk and compliance projects and investigations, and conducts monitorships and third-party audits in connection with mitigation agreements enforced by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS). In addition, he assists established and emerging companies with implementing and maintaining cybersecurity and privacy programs by developing cybersecurity policies, procedures and guidelines, and conducting risk-based cybersecurity assessments.