## Risk Assessment and Mitigation Checklist for Retailers Entering the USA

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We have put together a summary of the approach that a foreign retailer contemplating a roll out of a retail concept into the USA should consider to identify and plan for the major legal risks it may encounter. By undertaking such an analysis and implementing appropriate risk mitigation measures, the retailer can, in most cases, achieve a risk profile it determines to be acceptable and limit exposure to potentially costly and distracting litigation. The review and mitigation steps described are best undertaken by a team involving management, legal counsel and appropriate other business, IT and insurance experts.

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