

*IMPORTING
GOODS INTO
THE UNITED
STATES*

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What is Importing?

- Importing is the act of bringing goods from foreign countries into the United States
 - Ocean Cargo
 - Air Cargo
 - Courier Cargo (i.e. Post Office, Fed Ex, UPS, etc)



Do I need a Customs broker?

- Goods are valued over \$2,500 USD
- Bring in goods via ocean freight (Importer Security Filing)
- Any goods with restrictions, regardless of value
- If unsure that you need a broker, call one and ask.

Documentation



Power of Attorney



Importer Security
Filing or ISF (Ocean
cargo only)



Bill of lading or Air
Waybill



Commercial Invoice



Packing List

- Power of Attorney
- Importer Security Filing
 - Required to be filed with Customs at least 24 hours prior to export
- Customs entry
 - Required within 15 business days of arrival into the United States
- Possible Examinations of Cargo
 - Radiation Monitoring
 - Gamma Ray Examination or GRE (aka NII or VACIS)
 - Physical Examination by Customs
 - Exams by other government agencies
- Payment of duties and fees to Customs for your goods

Procedures

- Ultimately, importers are held responsible by U.S. Customs that the entry process was done properly
 - Documents are filed timely and accurately
 - Duties and fees are paid to Customs
 - Compliance with U.S. Customs rules and regulations

Responsibilities as an importer



Foreign- Trade Zones

- Warehouse where foreign goods can be stored
 - If your goods are not yet in compliance
 - If you want to defer duty payments for your goods
 - If you want to save money on warehousing
- FTZ Workshop coming up
 - October 14 at 6 pm

How do I get started?

- Call a broker with the following information:
 - What is your product?
 - Where is your product made?
 - Where is my product being exported from?
 - How am I bringing my product into the United States?

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