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The role of a customs broker

Working with a customs broker means that you can leave the clearance of your goods in the hands of professionals, so that you have more time to do what you do best. Grow your business.

Gaining access to a broader market and larger customer base comes with its challenges. Customs brokers are experienced in dealing with these complexities. The role of a customs broker is to ensure that goods are accurately, efficiently and reliably cleared for entry into the country of destination.

Accuracy, efficiency and reliability are all about knowledge.

To manage imports from around the globe, knowledge is the one element you can't afford to gamble on. Licensed customs brokers stay ahead of changes to rules, regulations, and legislation. They understand every element of the supply chain. They leverage relationships with Customs agencies and other government agencies. They're plugged in to all transportation modes.

What, exactly, does a customs broker do?

A customs broker can save you from making costly mistakes by ensuring that any bond requirements have been met, and that all of your paperwork complies with the applicable regulations.

These are some of the things that a customs broker will do for you:

- Ensure your imports and exports comply with the laws and regulations of all applicable governing bodies.
- Prepare and submit all required information and payments to Customs authorities on your behalf.
- Verify that all the required documentation is completed fully and accurately prior to being submitted to regulatory bodies.
- Ensure that your goods are correctly classified.
- Provide personalized advice, and contribute to your business success.

Why use the services of a customs broker?

Importers are responsible for declaring to Customs what's being imported, where it's coming from, and how much it costs. When satisfied that all of the importer's obligations are met, Customs releases the product for entry.

A customs broker performs a number of services for importers, but the core service is filing the Customs entry.

All of the steps in the entry process have to happen before Customs will release a shipment for delivery. This means a shipment won't be released until Customs is satisfied that all of the legal requirements have been met.

You're an expert on your business. Customs brokers are experts on Customs regulations, tariff schedules, and free trade agreements. You can rely on your customs broker to understand your business and to advise you on how to use every means available to minimize your duty liability.

Trade confidently

At Livingston, we take the time to get to know your business, your supply chain relationships, and your preferred trade lanes. Brokerage is more than getting the details right. It's also an opportunity – to reduce duties, avoid penalties, and eliminate compliance risk. With Livingston, you have the comfort of knowing that cost and risk reduction have been covered 100%. Well ahead of time.

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