

INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONTROLS

Customs, Tariffs, and Imports Compliance

While international trade is making the world smaller and communications easier, the rules and regulations governing trade are growing more complex. What and how goods can enter the United States and the tariffs, diligence, and sourcing requirements associated with importing have become subject to increased scrutiny requiring organizations to navigate rapidly changing policy, regulatory, and risk environments, inevitably with limited resources and the necessity of maintaining a competitive edge. The Ankura team brings years of legal, technical, and operational experience working both inside and alongside global organizations to create efficient, practical, and risk-appropriate solutions for nuanced import challenges. We help our clients succeed in regulatory compliance with U.S. Customs and Border Protection regulations and rulings, the U.S. Foreign Trade Regulations, U.S. Department of Commerce technology restrictions, and U.S. sanctions and embargoes.

SOLUTIONS

Ankura's international trade controls team combines the perspectives of former business executives, government regulators, prosecutors, in-house counsel, compliance professionals, law firm attorneys, accountants, data analysts, engineers, and program managers. We understand both what regulators care about and how complex organizations operate. Our team leverages these diverse perspectives to assess, build, and enhance compliance programs; embed regulatory requirements in business systems and processes; facilitate data-driven program analytics and risk identification; provide HTS classification analysis and valuation support; advise on customs-related business costs and strategy, and execute regulatory investigations, compliance reviews, and audits.

Ankura's approach is to partner with our clients to understand and leverage their culture, objectives, and systems. We use practical, process-based methods to identify our clients' compliance risks and integrate measurable import compliance solutions into their operations, to enable them to achieve compliance at the speed of business.

HOW WE HELP

-  Compliance assessment, counseling, program design, and implementation
-  Prior disclosures, perfection, and remediation
-  HTS classification
-  Binding ruling requests and protests
-  Automated trade management system implementation
-  Supply chain diligence
-  IT supply chain security
-  Sanctions and embargoes

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COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENT, COUNSELING, PROGRAM DESIGN, AND IMPLEMENTATION

We integrate our regulatory expertise with industry-leading data analysis, risk management, information technology, auditing, business operations, and continuous improvement capabilities. This interdisciplinary competence enables Ankura to design and assist in implementing import compliance solutions that leverage governance, risk, and compliance principles to provide our clients with solutions that are appropriately tailored to their objectives and situation.

PRIOR DISCLOSURES, PERFECTION, AND REMEDIATION

Ankura collaborates closely with clients and their counsel to identify and assess potential violations, compile and methodically analyze historical import data and documentation, calculate loss of duties, and prepare and submit prior disclosures and “perfections.” As part of the analysis process, our team also works with client leadership and stakeholders to identify and close compliance program gaps.

HTS CLASSIFICATION

Ankura’s professionals work with clients’ subject matter experts to assess products and ensure that they are classified appropriately under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, including eligibility for duty-free status under tariff preference programs and free trade agreements. We also help clients prepare and submit requests for tariff classification rulings.

IT AND PRODUCTS SUPPLY CHAIN DILIGENCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT

The Ankura international trade controls team assists clients and their counsel with implementing supply chain risk management processes, conducting diligence, and navigating new regulatory and contractual requirements to assure the integrity, security, and validity of IT infrastructure and product supply chains.

MANAGED SERVICES

The Ankura international trade controls team has deep experience integrating directly with client stakeholders, processes, and systems to directly provide import compliance services. Ankura leverages our professionals’ extensive experience as in-house compliance professionals, counsel, and leaders to deliver on-point support for our clients’ objectives and requirements.

AUTOMATED TRADE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (“ATMS”)

The Ankura international trade controls team has assisted multiple companies design, deploy, and/or optimize ATMS solutions. Ankura leverages deep technical expertise and direct operational experience with the interaction between ATMS, company processes and systems, and business stakeholder realities to facilitate efficient ATMS design and integration and anticipate and address pain points.

ABOUT US

Ankura is defined by *HOW* we solve challenges. Our business advisory and expert services focus on designing, developing, and executing solutions for clients, whether they are facing immediate demands, increasing value, or protecting against risks. We create innovative strategies for the ever-changing business environment, giving clients unparalleled insight into economic, governance, and regulatory issues. Assembling the right expertise for each client and situation, **we know that collaboration drives results.**

THE ANKURA DIFFERENCE

A unique blend of regulatory expertise, industry experience, and cross-disciplinary capability, including:

- Export compliance
- Sanctions compliance
- CFIUS
- Data analytics
- eDiscovery
- Enterprise risk management
- Financial transactions and corporate governance
- Geopolitical intelligence
- Investigations
- Monitoring and independent oversight

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