



Outline | Apparel 101

Module 1: Overview of How to Import into the U.S.

- Introduction to U.S. Customs & Border Protection
- Regulations & Reference Materials
- Customs Modernization Act
- Documentation Requirements
- Entry Documentation Requirements
- The Entry Process
- Entry Liquidation
- Right to Make Entry
- Customs Bond & Importer of Record Number
- Customs Broker
- Automated Commercial Environment (ACE)
- C-TPAT and Partnership Programs
- Importer Self-Assessment (ISA)
- Broker Known Importer Program (BKIP)
- Importer Security Filing (ISF)
- Special Requirements for Importing Samples

Module 2: Classification

- Why is Classification Important?
- Introduction to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule
- Organization of the HTS
- Understanding the General Rules of Interpretation
- Informed Compliance Publication for Apparel Terminology
- Chapter 61
- Common Concepts and Chapter Notes in 61
- Chapter 62 – Common Concepts & Chapter Notes
- Fiber – What is it?
- How to Determine Fiber Content
- Chapter 63 – General Structure
- Chapter 94 – General Structure
- Special Issues for Apparel Duty Rates – Quotas
- Customs Rulings
- Takeaway – Classification Checklist for Apparel



Module 3: Valuation

- Valuation for U.S. Customs
- Transaction Value
- Additions: Commissions
- Royalties
- Assists
- Additions: Packing & Subsequent Proceeds
- When Transaction Value cannot be used for declared value?
- Transaction Value of Identical/Similar Merchandise
- Deductive Value & Computed Value
- Fallback Method
- Incoterms
- Other Common Valuations - First Sale

Module 4: Labeling

- Overview
- CBP and FTC Regulations
- Country of Origin
- Location of Labels & Marking Requirements
- Children's Wear
- Tracking
- Made in USA Claims
- Specialty Fibers
- Care Labeling

Module 5: Duty-Free Programs

- Textile and Apparel Trade: The Numbers
- Free Trade Agreements—Bilateral and Multilateral
- Trade Preference Programs
- Free Trade Agreements vs. Trade Preference Programs
- FTA and TPP Timelines
- Trade Preference Programs
- FTA Rules of Origin
- FTA Rules of Origin: Tariff Shift
- FTA Rules of Origin: Substantial Transformation
- FTA Rules of Origin: Tariff Preference Levels (TPL)
- FTA Rules of Origin: Short Supply
- NAFTA Special Requirements for Shipping and Documentation—Certificates of Origin



- NAFTA Special Requirements for Shipping and Documentation—Textile Affidavits
- NAFTA Special Requirements for Shipping and Documentation—Recordkeeping Requirements
- AGOA—The African Growth and Opportunity Act
- CBTPA—Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act
- Other FTAs—No Certificate of Origin?
- Special Visa Requirements Under FTAs

Module 6: Other Government Agencies Involved with Apparel Imports

- Other Important Government Agencies
- Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)
- CPSC Lead Requirements
- CPSC Flammability Requirements
- Dept. of Labor Forced Labor Reporting
- Fish & Wildlife and CITES Requirements
- Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) Lacey Act
- Conflict Minerals Reporting