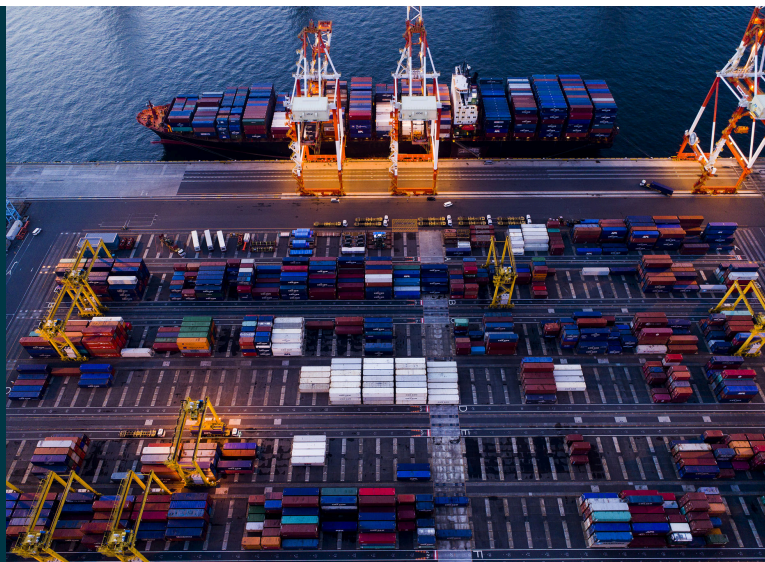


Tariffs, Customs, and Import Compliance



HIGHLIGHTS

■ Strategic Advisors on Tariffs and Customs Compliance

Wilson Sonsini's Tariffs, Customs, and Import Compliance practice provides strategic guidance to companies across industries, ranging from multinational corporations to emerging enterprises. We help clients navigate the complexities of international trade laws and regulations, offering counsel on U.S. Customs compliance, Harmonized Tariff Schedule classification, customs valuation, country of origin determinations, and the development of effective import compliance strategies and policies.

■ A Team with Diverse Experience and Perspectives

Our international trade team brings decades of collective experience across law firms and in-house compliance departments. It includes attorneys with Court of International Trade experience and licensed customs broker expertise, as well as recognized industry leaders in trade compliance. Our attorneys leverage their unique insights to offer business-oriented solutions to complex international trade and tariff matters.

OVERVIEW

Practice Summary

Wilson Sonsini's Tariffs, Customs, and Import Compliance practice assists clients in navigating complex and evolving international trade laws and regulations, managing customs compliance obligations, minimizing international trade risks, and optimizing tariff mitigation strategies. Amidst a background of increasingly turbulent tariff and trade policies, we can provide sound counsel and advice to businesses regarding a wide array of tariff, customs, and import matters.

Our attorneys work with clients to evaluate, design, and implement effective trade compliance policies; assess supply chains and international operations for potential tariff and trade compliance impacts; advise on tariff classification, country of origin, marking/labeling, and duty preference program eligibility; and assist with preparing responses to Customs and Border Protection inquiries and enforcement actions.

Our Team

Our attorneys are seasoned compliance professionals, including Chambers-ranked international trade lawyers, former in-house professionals, and experienced regulatory advisors. Our team's broad expertise includes experience at the U.S. Court of International Trade and licensed customs broker credentials, resulting in a deep understanding of the legal and operational complexities of trade compliance.

Wilson Sonsini's international trade attorneys include highly qualified import, export, and sanctions professionals with a transatlantic presence, ensuring comprehensive coverage for the full spectrum of international trade compliance needs across the U.S. and UK.

Our Experience

Wilson Sonsini's Tariffs, Customs, and Import Compliance practice is uniquely positioned to help clients navigate the intricate and ever-evolving landscape of international trade laws and regulations. Our team combines legal and industry expertise with strong relationships across U.S. regulatory agencies, ensuring that our clients receive strategic, informed, and practical guidance in all aspects of international trade compliance. We guide clients on matters such as compliance with U.S. Customs regulations, Harmonized Tariff Schedule classification, customs valuation, country of origin determination, and development of import compliance strategies and policies.

Our team's extensive experience allows us to provide practical, business-oriented solutions to address the unique compliance challenges of companies across industries. Our comprehensive understanding of regulations, the customs ruling process, and government guidance allows us to tailor advice to the needs of each client. We help clients—from start-ups launching import compliance programs to Fortune 100 companies evaluating multibillion-dollar supply chains—navigate regulatory risks, optimize tariff mitigation strategies, and ensure operational efficiency while maintaining their international trade compliance posture.

Our strategic, results-driven approach enables clients to proactively manage trade compliance risks while unlocking opportunities for cost savings and operational efficiencies. We have successfully assisted clients with a variety of trade compliance matters, including:

- Advising clients on **free trade agreements and duty preference program (e.g., USMCA, CAA, GSP) qualifications** to limit tariff impacts;
- Responding to **customs inquiries and enforcement actions**;
- Drafting **customs protests** to challenge the classification and duty assessment for electronics, infrastructure, and surveillance industry companies;
- Evaluating **tariff impacts** for international manufacturing, sourcing, and assembly proposals for electronics, semiconductor, and automotive industry companies;
- Assisting clients with the assessment, development, and implementation of **import compliance programs** tailored to individual businesses, enhancing the ability to integrate disparate business teams and branches under unified policies and procedures;
- Submitting **customs classification requests** on behalf of clients to obtain favorable binding rulings on HTS classification of input, products, components, and accessories;
- Conducting **country of origin determination analyses** for assessment of free trade agreement qualification, compliance with Trade Agreements Act provisions for U.S. government sourcing, and marking requirements;
- Evaluating a food and beverage distributor's **duty drawback strategy** for compliance with applicable customs rules and regulations;
- Assessing compliance with **country of origin marking** requirements for a consumer products company;
- Reviewing clients' **customs brokerage and third-party logistics provider legal agreements**; and
- Advising on **customs bond matters** for clients navigating disputes with CBP regarding duty payment amounts.