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Webinar 2: Manage Challenges in the Global Marketplace

How can I protect my intellectual property?

How can I overcome trade barriers?

How can I win foreign government procurements?
Today’s Speakers

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What is Intellectual Property?

- Patents
- Trademarks
- Copyright
- Designs
- Trade Secrets
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What Do I Need to Know About Patents?

Property Right

- Granted for any new, useful, and non-obvious process, machine, article of manufacture, or composition of matter.
- Right to exclude others
- Claims define “fence” around the property
- Limited term; 20 years from date of filing

Public/Private Exchange

- Innovator discloses the invention to the public in exchange for the opportunity to be granted a patent.
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The Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

• The Patent Cooperation Treaty allows inventors/applicants to file an international patent application but…

• The Patent Cooperation Treaty functions as a patent application filing system.

• The applicant must still prosecute the international application in each national or regional office where patent protection is desired.
What Do I Need to Know About Trademarks?

• A trademark is a:

  • Word (Ford, IBM)
  
  • Phrase (“JUST DO IT.”, “WHERE’S THE BEEF?”)
  
  • Symbol

  • Design

that identifies and distinguishes the source of the goods of one party from those of others.
The Madrid Protocol

• provides a mechanism for trademark owners to file one application with The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and designate other countries where they wish to register their mark.

• simplifies trademark portfolio management by providing centralized application and maintenance processing.
What Do I Need to Know About Industrial Designs?

- An industrial design constitutes the ornamental or aesthetic aspect of an article.

- An industrial design may consist of three dimensional features, such as the shape of an article, or two dimensional features, such as patterns, lines or color.

- Design is where function meets form.
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The Hague System – In Short

• System for centralized acquisition & maintenance of design rights
• File a single international application
• For a single international registration
• Having effect in designated Contracting Parties
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What Do I Need to Know About Trade Secrets?

Information that...

• has commercial value,

• not generally known, and;

• reasonable steps are taken to preserve confidentiality.
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Trade Secret vs Patent

**Trade Secret**
- Indefinite
- Not registered or disclosed
- Can be separately discovered
- Remedies only if the secret is illegally appropriated

**Patent**
- 20 year term
- Patents are publicly disclosed
- Right to exclude others
- Remedies for infringement
What Do I Need to Know About Copyrights?

Works of authorship include the following categories:

- Literary works;
- Musical works, including any accompanying words;
- Dramatic works, including any accompanying music;
- Pantomimes and choreographic works;
- Pictorial, graphic, and sculptural works;
- Motion pictures and other audiovisual works;
- Sound recordings; and
- Architectural works.
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Take-Away Tips for Exporters!

• U.S. IP protection only protects you in the United States.

• Exporters should consider obtaining IP protection in markets:
  • Where they wish to export
  • Where they manufacture
  • Where they plan to expand
  • Where IP theft is rampant
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Where Can I Get Help with IP?

• Stopfakes.gov
• Attend a StopFakes Roadshow Event
  https://www.stopfakes.gov/roadshows
• Industry-Specific IP Toolkits available for 6 Industries
• Country IP Snapshots
  https://www.stopfakes.gov/IPR-Toolkits
• Twitter
  https://twitter.com/STOPfakesGov
Overcome Trade Barriers

Enforcement & Compliance Unit

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How Do I Know If I’m Facing a Trade Barrier?

• Is your ability to export, invest, or compete in foreign markets restricted by foreign government policies, practices, or procedures?

• Are your exports or investment(s) being treated differently by a foreign government from other domestic or foreign competitors?
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How Can I Avoid Trade Barriers?

• Gather Information
• Due Diligence
• Trade Barriers – Annual National Trade Estimate (NTE) Report
• Visit Export.gov
  • Country Commercial Guides
  • Top Market Reports
• Reach out to local U.S. Commercial Service office
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What If I’m Facing a Trade Barrier?
What If I’m Not Sure?

Contact Us

• Local U.S. Commercial Service Office
  • https://www.export.gov/locations

• Notify ITA’s Trade Barrier Teams
  • Report a trade barrier at www.trade.gov/tanc
  • Email tanc@trade.gov
  • Call (202) 482-1191
How Long Does It Take to Get Help?

• Follow-up within 24-48 hours
• Teams provide information, explain the process, provide full transparency, outline clear expectations
• Initial steps taken to better understand problem; you are a key part of the team
• Goal - try to resolve things in a commercially meaningful timeframe
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What is My Role?

• Look out for trade barriers
• Let us know what you find - we can help
• Help us educate other businesses about trade barriers and the help available
• Refer colleagues facing trade barriers to us

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Win Foreign Government Procurements

The Advocacy Center and Multilateral Development Banks

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Compete for Foreign Government Procurement

• Worldwide Government Procurement is estimated at 10-15% of the world’s GDP.

• The World Bank estimates that developing countries alone procure $820 Billion in products and services.
8 Tips for a Competitive Foreign Procurement Bid

1. Focus on 1-2 Markets and commit to them long term;
2. Review CS Market Reports – Country Commercial Guides;
3. Find a Local Partner with Experience;
4. Get in the Market Early and Establish Relationships;
5. Look for Supply Chain Opportunities Others May Bid On;
6. Check if Country is a WTO – GPA Member Country or has a FTA;
7. Subscribe on-line with MDBs to Receive Notices Directly; and,
8. Confirm Government Opportunity is Genuine Funded Project through our Commercial Service Offices Abroad.
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How Can I Compete Against Foreign Companies and Ensure My Bid Receives Attention?

- The Advocacy Center exists at the intersection between business and foreign policy, where commercial diplomacy efforts are required to let U.S. business compete fairly.

- We coordinate U.S. Government resources and authority to level the playing field when U.S. business competes for specific international public contracts, both civilian and defense sales.

- Our liaisons to 5 Multilateral Development Banks assist U.S. firms and advocate on their behalf when they compete for Bank tenders.
How Does the Process Work?

- Advocacy Questionnaire
- Anti-Bribery Agreement
- Due Diligence
- National Interest Determination
- Creation of a Customized/Appropriate Advocacy Strategy
- Coordination of the Message and Medium of Advocacy
How Does the Process Work? (Continued)

- Official correspondence
- Focused meeting / in-person advocacy
- Talking point in bi-lateral meeting / dialogue
- Press release or meeting with foreign press
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National Interest Determination - Commercial

• Based on Material Benefit to the U.S. Economy

• When the U.S. content is less than 50% of total value, other considerations include:
  • U.S. Materials and Equipment Content;
  • U.S. Labor Content;
  • Contribution to the U.S. Technology Base (including R&D); and,
  • Potential for Follow-On Business Benefiting U.S. Economy.

• All companies that apply for advocacy and whose bids are deemed to be in the U.S. National Interest shall be advocated for equally.
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Where Do I Get More Information?

- The Advocacy Center and Guidelines were developed for project-focused, company specific issues.
- Advocacy Center Website – Export.gov/Advocacy
  - Staff Listing
  - Advocacy Guidelines
  - Advocacy Questionnaire
  - Anti-Bribery Agreement
How to Export Articles with *NEW* Videos
Market Data
Market Intelligence
Events
Exporter Services
Sign up for Email Updates
Find your local office
Managing Challenges

Exporting can be rewarding but challenging. Learn how to enhance your chances of success by managing your challenges, navigating any trade barriers, and knowing where to find help. Also, diversify your sales by exploring foreign government procurement opportunities. Start by watching the sixth set in the Exporting Basics video series.

The "Managing Challenges" Video Set:
1. Protecting Your IP Abroad
2. Due Diligence on Markets and Partners
3. Bridging Trade Barriers
4. Foreign Government Procurement

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- Online Tools for Finding New Markets: May, 23
- Opportunities in International Development: May 30

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Global Market Finder
An Interactive Tool for U.S. Exporters

- Data by 10-digit Schedule B Code
- Search with a Schedule B number or Keywords
- Interactive Visualization That Tells a Story in a Glance
Global Market Finder

Graph and Table View for Each Visualization

Map | Methods of Transportation | Time Series | Unit Price
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Total Exports of FISHING RODS (NO)

(All) ▼ 2017 ▼ Graph ▼

Map | Methods of Transportation | Time Series | Unit Price
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Total Exports of FISHING RODS (NO)

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