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# **International Trade Law Answer Book**

*U.S. Customs Laws and Regulations*

**2017 Edition**

(formerly **Import Practice Answer Book 2015**  
*Customs and International Trade Law*)

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**International Trade Law Answer Book** is the successor to *Import Practice Answer Book 2015*. While the coverage is similar to that of its predecessor, the book has been retitled to clarify that it focuses on importing goods into the United States, rather than exporting goods to, or importing goods into, foreign countries.

Written in a question-and-answer format, **International Trade Law Answer Book** walks the reader through the entire importation procedure, describing each step in the process; the regulatory requirements governing that step; and providing a copy of each major form used in trade practice, including instructions on where and when that form must be submitted. It provides complete coverage of how rulings are issued and how to handle a negative Customs response, including the filing of protests and, ultimately, review by the U.S. Court of International Trade and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. It includes topics such as:

- Tariff classification and valuation systems
- Kinds of merchandise that are prohibited or restricted
- Financial security requirements, or when it is necessary to post a bond
- Different types of entry and their different requirements
- Ways to seek reduction or elimination of duties

The 2017 Edition incorporates several important changes in this field made by the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015.

This **Answer Book** is designed to assist attorneys, importers, customs brokers, and anyone else needing to understand the legal and regulatory requirements involved in the importation of goods into the United States.

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