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The International Trade Administration's mission is to create prosperity by strengthening the competitiveness of U.S. industry, promoting trade and investment, and ensuring fair trade and compliance with trade laws and agreements.

Online Resources:

- Online complaint form
- Checklist of common trade problems
- Texts of over 250 trade and related agreements
- Exporter Guides: brief explanations of selected trade agreements
- WTO standards notifications—Notify U.S.
- Informational and client testimonial videos.

Submit complaints online and tap the resources of the U.S. Department of Commerce's Trade Agreements Compliance Program to help you combat foreign trade barriers:

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*click on
"Report a Trade Barrier"*

Does your company face trade barriers when exporting or investing abroad?

The Trade Agreements Compliance Program *Has Solutions*



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Trade Agreements Negotiations and Compliance

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Are you facing barriers to trade abroad?

- Are foreign customs officials inappropriately classifying or valuing your products in assessing customs duties?
- Are unique and burdensome product, testing, or certification requirements keeping your goods out of a foreign market?
- Are foreign government procurements being conducted in a way that is favoring a particular supplier?
- Are you experiencing difficulties protecting and/or enforcing your copyrights, trademarks, or patents in a foreign country?
- Are complicated, non-transparent import licensing procedures being used to impede or restrict access to a foreign market?
- Have foreign officials asked for or required local content in order to invest in that market?
- Are you having a problem with a rules of origin certification or marking requirement?
- Are you facing unfair competition from a State-owned Enterprise?

If you have answered yes to any of these questions, or if you are unsure about whether you are facing a foreign trade barrier caused by foreign trade agreement non-compliance, then ask the Commerce Department's Trade Agreements Compliance Program to help you. Use the TANC website to click on "Report a Trade Barrier" for a free consultation at trade.gov/tanc.

Making trade agreements work for you

Our mission is to ensure compliance by foreign governments with U.S. trade agreements.

The U.S. Department of Commerce's Trade Agreements Compliance Program is a network of Commerce Department and other U.S. government resources working together to reduce or eliminate foreign government-imposed trade barriers by making trade agreements work.

How does the program work to overcome foreign trade barriers?

The Office of Trade Agreements Negotiations and Compliance (TANC) leads a team of U.S. government experts to pursue your case. These experts work with foreign governments to resolve your problems accessing foreign markets and ensure that your company receives the benefits of all U.S. trade agreements.

"As a result of the work of the [Trade Agreements Compliance] Program, our company has the opportunity to compete with unrestricted barriers."

—Eloy Retamal, President, EUR Consulting

Examples of TANC Successes:

- Ensured that China's bidding process for the 2009–10 rollout of Motorola's 3G network would not discriminate against foreign participants.
- Assisted a U.S. company in persuading the Argentine government to withdraw an unnecessarily burdensome and costly requirement on toy packaging.
- Advocated successfully against the dramatic increase of fees on audiovisual products imported into Jordan.

"The Commerce Department played an important role preventing Pakistan from over-valuing our goods at Customs. This allowed us to keep our prices at competitive levels."

—Scott Phipps, Caterpillar Inc., Peoria, Illinois

Contact us

Visit our website to report a trade barrier, or e-mail or call us to gain immediate assistance for your company:

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