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**To our valued New Import Customers:**

Thank you for choosing LSIdaho Inc. ([www.Lsidaho.com](http://www.Lsidaho.com)) for your import needs.

All shipments coming into the USA from foreign countries requires a Customs Entry. The following information is required to ensure a legal and compliant declaration to Customs and Border Protection (CBP). The territories of the United States, for Customs purposes, are the States of the United States of America, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Shipments that have an “exception” for Customs Entries still must make declaration of their exception.

**Entries with exceptions:**

Human remains and their flowers. Telecommunication transmissions, records, diagrams and data for business purposes, articles returned from space, aircraft and parts thereof under certain circumstances while used for international transport.

Shipments that are imported into the United States via U.S. mail, courier, aircraft, ocean vessel or vehicle of any kind require a Customs entry or declaration when crossing into the territory of the United States.

Customs requires declaration of the “Country of Origin”. The country of origin means the country of manufacture of the goods, NOT the country where you bought the goods.

All products, with few exceptions, require that the Country of Origin be marked on the goods imported into the U.S.A. The reason is to ensure the end buyer of the goods knows where the product they purchase is manufactured.

The value declared to Customs is first and foremost the total price paid or payable for the goods. If an importer pays a foreign company for engineering, design or other valued services by foreign companies to make the final product, the additional costs for these services are called “assists” and are dutiable.

If payment is not made for the imported goods, there are other ways of valuing the goods, based on certain requirements.

If goods are subject to trademark or copyright requirements (Disney, NBA, Nike, etc.) logo or media, the importer must have a letter from the trademark or copyright holder stating the specific importer is allowed by them to import the goods. If you do not have this letter, you will not be able to import the goods.



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The U.S.D.A. has restrictions on wood packing materials entering the U.S.A. Make sure you understand what is required if your product is imported with wood packing materials.

Certain items are regulated by Other Government Agencies (OGA). They include the FCC, FDA, DOT, Fish and Wildlife, Department of Agriculture, the EPA, etc.

Importers are liable for all declarations made on their behalf by Customs brokers. Importers are liable for all duties. If an importer pays duties to the U.S. Customs broker and the broker does not make payment to Customs, the importer is liable. Therefore the importer has the right to give their broker a check payable directly to CBP. The broker is required by law to submit to Customs within 48 hours of receipt of a duty check payable to CBP.

Errors made by the broker on the importer's behalf are considered importer errors. Therefore it is important the importer understands and agrees with the declaration made by their broker within required time.

Importers are required by law to issue a "Customs Power of Attorney" to the Customs Broker who makes entry on their behalf. The importer is also subject to a Customs Bond for each entry. Customs brokers typically sell an "Importer bond". Importers can buy "Single Entry Bonds" or "Annual Customs Bonds. An annual bond is recommended for customers shipping by ocean.

Ocean shipments require additional reporting to U.S. Customs before the goods load the vessel at origin. There are also specific container seal requirements due to heightened security measures. These seals must meet the International ISO/PAS 17712 freight containers—mechanical seals requirements. Contact us for more information.

A Customs Broker is licensed by Customs and Border Protection based on a test, personal background check and compliance results of the broker. A broker is a good resource to all importers.

Above is a quick overview of importer's requirements. More information is available on CPB website: <http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/>

The above information is an overview only and does not ensure an importer's compliance with U.S. Law.

LSIdaho Inc. values your questions and business. We support new importers. Please give us a call!