

International Trade

At Amundsen Davis, our brick and mortar presence is based in the heart of the Midwest, but many of our clients do business around the world. Our international trade practice is dedicated to helping companies large and small navigate the complexities of international commerce, offering tailored legal solutions that empower businesses to thrive in an ever-changing global environment.

Persistent supply chain disruptions; geopolitical tensions; and heightened focus on issues like forced labor and environmental, social, and governance standards highlight the interconnected nature of the global economy and its effects on businesses of all sizes. Additionally, authorities are introducing an increasing number of international trade policies with significant implications at an unprecedented pace.

To address these challenges and capitalize on opportunities, we advise clients in the following areas:

Sanctions

- Representation before the Office of Foreign Assets Control in the filing of delisting petitions
- Help international clients navigate primary and secondary sanctions exposure risks

Customs

- Valuation, classification and origin, and setting up of free trade zones
- Free trade agreements, including the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, and tariff preference programs
- Duty recovery and mitigation strategies, including drawbacks, first sales, and protest filings
- Audits, internal investigations, prior disclosures, security and compliance programs, seizures, and penalty actions
- PFAS compliance and related engagements with Partner Government Agencies (PGA)

Trade Remedies

- Anti-dumping, countervailing duties, and subsidies
- Issues arising under legislation and international agreements, including the Trade Act and Trade Expansion Act of 1962

PROFESSIONALS

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Partner

National Security

- Export controls, sanctions, and embargoes
- Anti-boycott actions
- Anti-money laundering laws and regulations
- Export Administration Regulations
- International Traffic in Arms Regulations
- Buy American Act; Buy America; and Build America, Buy America Act provisions
- Related engagements with PGAs
- Audits, voluntary disclosures, and reporting

Human Rights and Sustainability

- Adherence to regulations on labor practices and ethical sourcing
- Modification and revocation of Withhold Release Orders
- Release of detentions
- Forced labor and supply chain audits
- Forced labor compliance programs
- Counseling in relation to suppliers and other third parties
- Compliance with EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism

Maritime Shipping and Logistics

- Setting up of maritime shipping operations and related engagements with Protection and Indemnity clubs, classification societies, ship management companies, ship agents, and flag states
- Vessel registration and finance
- Compliance with Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) regulations applicable to Ocean Transportation Intermediary – Non-Vessel Operating Common Carrier and Freight Forwarder licenses and FMC tariff publications
- Compliance with the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (and its United States equivalent under federal Hazardous Materials Regulations)

Customized Training

- Targeted training on a wide range of international trade and related topics applicable to your unique business scenarios

Firm News

Ngosong Fonkem Joins Amundsen Davis's Milwaukee Office
Firm News, August 1, 2024

In the Media

Insight on Business Interviews Ngosong Fonkem on International Trade Policy and the Election
Media Mention, *Insight on Business*, September 30, 2024

Wisconsin Lawyer Asks Ngosong Fonkem for International Trade Law Advice
Media Mention, *Wisconsin Lawyer*, February 7, 2023

Alerts

Proper Tariff Classification Impact on Business: How to Avoid Misclassification
Article, *Amundsen Davis International Trade Alert*, October 30, 2024

USTR Announces Long-Awaited Section 301 Exclusion Process for Domestic Manufacturing Machinery
Article, *Amundsen Davis International Trade Alert*, October 23, 2024

A Guide to U.S. Trade Remedies Laws
Article, *Amundsen Davis International Trade Alert*, October 9, 2024

How to Start and Operate a Maritime Ship Business
Article, *Amundsen Davis International Trade Alert*, September 25, 2024

Events

Navigating the Complexities of International Trade Law Between Asia-Pacific & CEE
Speaking Engagement, Inter-Pacific Bar Association, Regional Conference; Warsaw, Poland, September 30, 2024

Exporting to the United States: Challenges and Opportunities from a Sri Lankan Perspective
Speaking Engagement, Sudath Perera Associates, Webcast, May 2023

Doing Business in Sub-Saharan Africa: An Overview of Legal Considerations
Speaking Engagement, International Trade Club of Chicago, Webcast, February 28, 2023

Talking Trade
Speaking Engagement, WisBusiness, Podcast, August 19, 2022

Talking Trade
Speaking Engagement, WisBusiness, Podcast, September 17, 2021

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Trade Remedies Update

Speaking Engagement, Inter-Pacific Bar Association, Webcast, September 14, 2021

Embargoes, Sanctions, and Tariffs: Global Disruption and Trade Tensions

Speaking Engagement, International Trade Club of Chicago, Webcast, November 12, 2020

Getting the Facts on Trade & Tariffs

Speaking Engagement, WHBY Radio Station, Fresh Take with Josh Dukelow, June 16, 2018

Published Works

Economic Development, Good Governance are Key to the Preventing the Next Coup D'état in Africa

Publication, *Florida Bar International Law Quarterly*, Fall 2023

The Impact of Geopolitics on Aluminum Prices

Publication, *IOM — Insights of Manufacturing*, July 14, 2023

Shipping Vehicles and The IMDG Code

Publication, *LexBlog*, May 23, 2023

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