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Export Declaration Accuracy

In previous newsletters we have been discussing the issues of accurate export data and the additional scrutiny that U. S. Customs has been giving export shipments.

BDG prepares the export declaration on behalf of all of its clients. We obtain the information to prepare this from two sources: The Commercial Invoice and The Shipper's Letter of Instruction (SLI). Our SLI has a box titled (SED Information), this is where we obtain the information needed to complete the Export Declaration.

Most Commercial Invoices do not contain enough information to accurately complete the Export Declaration. That is where the SLI comes in. BDG needs the following information that is not on a commercial invoice.

- a) Related Companies – *Does your firm own 10% or more of the company you are shipping to?*
- b) Export licenses
- c) Domestic or Foreign Origin of the Product (D or F)
- d) Schedule B Number
- e) Value per Schedule be Number

An important point to note: U. S Customs is only interested in tracking data on products valued greater than \$2,500.00. This means that any individual Schedule B numbered product that you are exporting must be reported to U. S. Customs if it is greater than \$2,500.00. Any Schedule B

item valued less than that does not need to be reported so it does not need to be described on the SLI.

A Schedule B number may take in multiple parts or products that you are shipping at any one time. BDG can help you determine which products fall into which Schedule B number category. Part of BDG's service is to assist our clients in managing their Schedule B Numbers. Our database saves the numbers and product description cross reference.

A point many companies miss is the Domestic or Foreign Origin. Products from other countries must be reported separately to Customs. The value rule still applies.

Call our staff to learn more about this process.

China Product Safety Licensing

The government of China has introduced a new safety license system. The new system requires manufacturers in 132 product categories to obtain the China Compulsory Certification (CCC) mark before exporting to or selling in the Chinese market. The new system implemented on May 1, 2002 and fully effective on May 1, 2003, will impact many U. S. Exporters, across a wide range of manufacturing sectors. Products not meeting CCC requirements may be held at the border by Chinese Customs and will be subject to other penalties. The following url has additional information:
www.mac.doc.gov/china/docs/businessguides/cccguid.htm

Requirements:

Standards – Chinese National Standards; harmonized to IEC standards.

Testing – Safety testing in China required. Accompanying CB Report and certificate is desirable.

EMC- EMC testing in China Required.

Factory Inspections: Initial factory inspection performed by Chinese authorities required.

Other Requirements:

- Additional mandatory certification for telecom and radio equipment.
- Chinese labels and safety instructions.

Useful Web Tools

Online Atlas at:

<http://plasma.nationalgeographic.com/mapmachine/>

Get Collection advice from:

<http://www.collectionsworld.com/index.htm>

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