

What makes us different in the current legal market?

We bridge the gap between centralized legislation and local implementation

- In the EU, customs laws and regulations are decided in Brussels, but implemented by the customs authorities in each Member State. We bridge that gap by following the drafting and interpretation of customs and trade rules in Brussels; and working locally with the customs and courts applying those rules throughout the EU.
- Most non-EU countries in Europe are linked to the EU by a web of agreements and rules, with which we are familiar. We serve companies within those jurisdictions.
- Beyond the countries where GreenLane is present today, our member firms are able to immediately recommend local counsel in other European countries who are highly qualified and specialized in customs and trade matters.

We have a greater understanding of your needs

 As a result of the alliance, we share our unique experiences regarding the implementation of EU customs and trade laws in our respective countries to better serve our clients' needs. Today, there is no other network or alliance of law firms serving all the requirements for customs and trade law services across Europe.

OUR EXPERIENCE

Customs

- Setting up in-house programs to ensure compliance with customs rules and procedures
- Tariff classification, valuation, origin, preference programs, special customs procedures (inward/outward processing, bonded customs warehouses, transit), binding tariff and origin information, customs compliance audits
- Litigation against customs claims/decisions
 - Appeal proceedings, requests for repayment/remission, cassation proceedings, preliminary rulings EC of Justice
- Civil law aspects of customs issues
 - Recourse actions, seizures, logistic contract drafting, insurance and policy disputes
- Investigations by customs authorities, applications for waiver or mitigation of fines and penalties, and related litigation
- Taxation of goods
 - Customs duties, VAT, Excise Duties and other customs-related charges

Trade Defense

- Representing domestic and foreign manufacturers before the European Commission in anti-dumping investigations (sales below "fair" value) and countervailing duty actions (targeting imports that are subsidized by foreign governments)
- Assisting exporters and importers in anti-circumvention investigations, before the following entities:
 - European Commission
 - European anti-fraud office (OLAF)
 - Customs authorities of the EU Member States

Export Controls & Sanctions

- Advising on export controls rules which govern the importation, transit and export of military and dual-use goods and related services and technologies
- Scope and impact of the various trade sanctions adopted by the EU and its Member States
- Devising and implementing compliance programs
- Representing companies and individuals in government investigations of alleged breaches of sanctions and export controls

Hot topics to consider for your business in 2016

The new Union Customs Code which will replace the Community Customs Code in May 2016

The additional customs duties that Turkey is imposing against a growing list of products

The EU and U.S. sanctions against Iran: Navigating the remaining restrictions and those that have been lifted

The recognition of China's status as a market economy in anti-dumping investigations

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