

Customs & International Trade Compliance in Asia Pacific - doing the groundwork

Workshop details

Date: 23 & 24 April 2014
Time: 9am to 5pm (both days)
Venue:
Level 11, Finexis Building
108 Robinson Road, Singapore

Who should attend?

Sales, procurement, logistics, supply chain planners, and legal and finance professionals who wish to build their knowledge of cross-border trade compliance to better manage **business risk** and identify **trade savings opportunities**

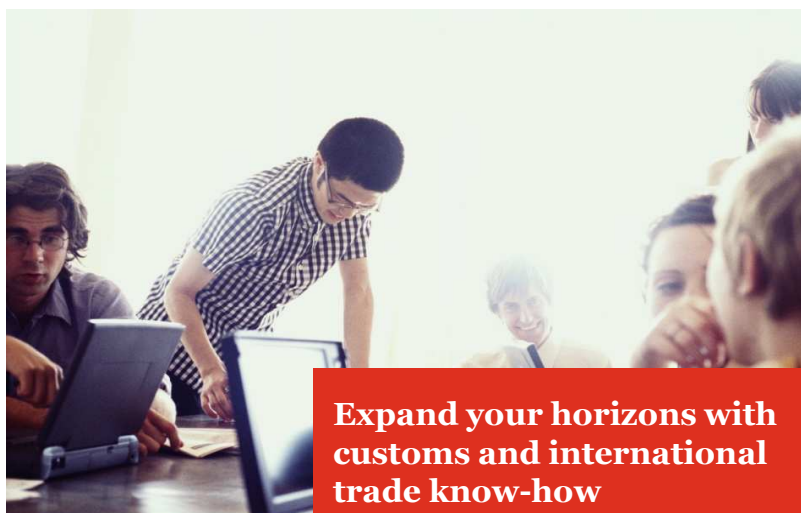
Fees

PwC Clients & Alumni: S\$980
Public: S\$1,050

Fees includes 7% GST, refreshments and workshop kit.

Tax deduction

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Why should you attend?

Any professional involved in the cross –border buying or selling of goods is touched by trade compliance considerations. Whether employed in supply chain operations, planning, procurement, or finance, the failure to understand and plan around import/export regulatory requirements can lead to unanticipated costs and a lot of wasted time. Product delays, stock-outs, emergency shipments, additional warehousing costs, and customs penalties are all common consequences of compliance failures.

Many businesses operating in Asia Pacific choose to have their logistics service provider (“LSP”) handle customs formalities at overseas borders; relying on their operational knowledge and relationships with customs officials. However LSPs often lack technical training and the legal responsibility for customs compliance remains with the owner of the goods. Most customs authorities expect informed oversight over LSPs and customs brokers.

To equip Singapore based business professionals with the ability to take a more informed and pro-active role in the management of customs and trade risk in Asia Pacific, we will cover the following topics during this two-day workshop:

- Recognising and monitoring customs and trade “hot spots” throughout the supply chain
- Introduction to customs valuation, classification, and FTA compliance
- Understanding the trade compliance roles and responsibilities of the various business functions, LSP, and customs authorities
- Essentials of customs rules and procedures in Asia Pacific
- Identifying opportunities for duty savings and cash-flow improvement across the region

Workshop outline:

Day 1

- Why is trade compliance important?
- Overview of the customs and trade environment in Asia Pac and typical “hot spots” across the region
- Customs compliance in practice
- Understanding the roles of business functions, LSPs, and customs authorities in trade compliance
- Introduction to customs classification methodology
- Principles of customs valuation

Day 2

- Finding benefits from, and remaining compliant with, Free Trade Agreements
- The impact of export (strategic goods) controls on international business
- Using trade facilitation programs to find opportunity
- Country focus - trade compliance essentials in China
- “Do’s” and “Do Not’s” for handling customs disputes at the border and customs audits
- Our perspectives and recommendations for managing customs and trade compliance more effectively

* Note that the above agenda is subject to change

Our Facilitators



Gregory Nichols, Director

Greg has a dual background in both international trade and supply chain operations and has over ten years experience in assisting clients in Asia to build and maintain cost effective, compliant, and efficient global trading networks.



Michel Anliker, Manager

Specialising in indirect tax analysis of MNCs cross-border transactions, implementation of new supply chain models and Manufacturing structures across Asia Pacific.



Eugene Jang, Manager

With over 7 years as a global trade consultant in Singapore, Eugene manages projects that develop and optimise regional supply chains and trading set-ups in order to achieve cost savings and / or customs & trade compliance.



April Zhai, Senior Manager

Based in Beijing, China, April has conducted several reclassification projects with huge duty saving for clients, compliance reviews for companies engaging in processing trade, operating model development, and audit defence cases with favourable result.

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