

Webinar on

# **Customs Enforcement: Avoiding and Mitigating Fines, Penalties and Forfeitures for Importers and Customs Brokers**

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### **Areas Covered**

### Legal Burdens

Informed Compliance and Reasonable Care

Relying on Customs Brokers for Legal Advice

When Forwarders Stand Between Importer and Customs Broker

 Late, Stupid, or No Responses to CBP's Request for Information Form

Not Knowing the Basics Concerning Penalties

Marking Imported Items Incorrectly



- *Failure to Understand the USMCA and Other Free Trade Agreements*
- Underreporting the Value of Imported Merchandise
- ) *Recordkeeping Noncompliance, Commercial Fraud*
- ) 19 USC Section 1592, 19 USC Section 1641
- Fraud, Gross Negligence, and Negligence
- ) CBP Penalty Determinations, Maximum Civil Penalty Levels
- Other Import Related Penalties, Penalties under the False Claims Act



### **Learning Objectives**

You should attend to learn how to shield yourself from all sorts of penalty actions. You should also attend so that if you are tagged by CBP, ICE, or some other governmental entity, you will have an idea of how to proceed with what could become a real headache.



This webinar focuses on avoiding or lessening the impact of international trade violations.

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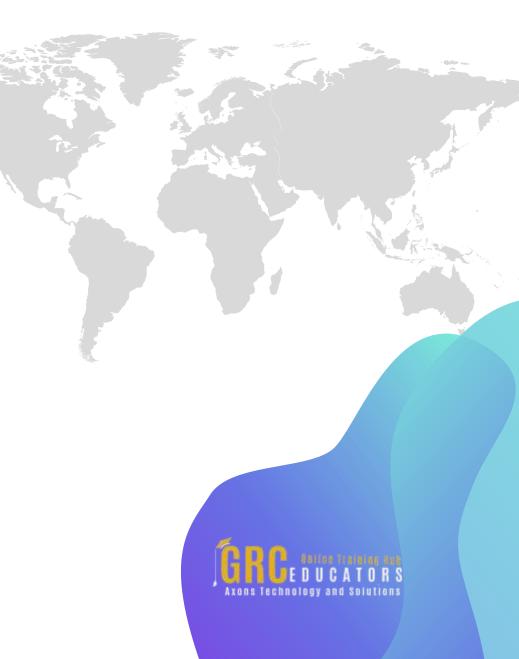
## **Webinar Description**

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and other governmental entities enforce import laws and regulations by targeting and penalizing lawbreakers through monetary penalties and legal action. Unfair, unsafe, or illicit trade practice is not tolerated within U.S. supply chains. This requires national direction and uniformity among the 326 ports of entry and 42 CBP Fines, Penalties and Forfeitures field offices, as well as the use of appropriate compliance alternatives. This webinar focuses on avoiding or lessening the impact of international trade violations.



### Who Should Attend ?

Importers, exporters, inspectors, customs officers, customs brokers, insurance companies, surety companies, pharmaceutical, food stores, financial companies, banks, transportation providers (rail, air, ocean, trucking), legal, paralegals, beverage manufacturers, foreign trade zone operators, testing laboratories, accountants, CPAs, financial advisors, international trade consultants, federal and state and local government contractors, warehouse operators, sales departments, customer service departments.



### Why Should You Attend ?

It seems that you can get a fine from any sort of government entity for doing just about anything. This is especially true if you are in the business of international trade as an importer, exporter, customs broker, freight forwarder, ocean and air carrier, and other person or company interacting with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) or any number of other U.S. federal departments and agencies. While the alleged violation may be of the Mickey Mouse variety in your eyes, CBP and other import and export gatekeepers often seek penalties that are harsh, frightening, expensive, and truly aggravating. Attend so that you know what to do so that you can have peace of mind. That way, you can better attend to your business and prosper.



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