

WHERE TO FIND ASSISTANCE

6 U.S. CUSTOMS

Customs officers at major ports of entry will provide you with factual information regarding tariffs and duties pertaining to your export product.

Blaine, Washington
206-332-5771

Sweetgrass, Montana
406-335-2434

Detroit, Michigan
313-226-3177

Buffalo, New York
716-846-4354

Thousand Islands Bridge, New York
315-482-2681

Ogdensburg, New York
315-393-0660

Champlain, New York
518-298-8347

Houlton, Maine
207-532-2131

Calais, Maine
207-454-3621

7 PATENT REGISTRATION IN THE UNITED STATES

To enquire whether your product is patentable and what formalities are required, as well as what steps to take to register a trademark in the U.S., call the Patent and Trademark Office.

Patent and Trademark Office
2021 Jefferson Davis Highway
Arlington, VA 22202
Tel: 703-557-4636

8 STANDARDS AND PRODUCT CERTIFICATION

Compliance with American standards is necessary to successfully market a number of products in the United States. Following are a few addresses of standards, product testing and certification organizations.

An association made up of government and industry representatives:

American National Standard Institute (ANSI)
655 15 Street N.W.
Suite 300
Washington, DC 20005
Tel: 202-639-4090

Important government agencies involved in product approval and certification:

The Animal and Plant Health
Inspection Service
Department of Agriculture
6505 Belcrest Rd.
Hyattsville, MD 20782
Tel: 301-436-7799

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco
and Firearms
Department of Treasury
650 Massachusetts Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20226
Tel: 202-927-7777

Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
Department of Health and
Human Services
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857
Tel: 301-443-3170

An independent federal agency:

Consumer Product Safety Commission
5401 Westbard Avenue
Bethesda, MD 20816
Tel: 301-504-0580

There are also private product testing laboratories:

Underwriters Labs Inc. (UL)
333 Pfingsten Road
Northbrook, IL 60062
Tel: 708-272-8800

ETL Testing Laboratories Inc.
P.O. Box 2040
Industrial Park Rd. 11
Cortland, NY 13045
Tel: 607-753-6711