

Resources for Exporters on Foreign Country Compliance

Private Sector Testing, Certification and Compliance Companies

Intertek. Testing, inspection, certification company. The link below provides a series of regulatory, compliance and quality systems resources – training, webinars, white papers, newsletters, and more.
<http://www.intertek.com/knowledge-education/>

Tuv-Sud. Testing, certification and compliance company.

- This link below identifies compliance requirements by country for product testing and certification, across a variety of products and industries. <http://www.tuv-sud.com/activity/global-market-access>
- White papers and eBooks on standards and compliance topics across multiple industries can be found at <http://www.tuv-sud.com/home-com/resource-centre/publications/white-papers-e-books>

UL. Testing, inspection, certification, auditing and validation services.

- Includes a summary of selected international product certifications (and UL certification bodies that can certify a company's compliance with the standard). <http://www.ul.com/customer-resources/ul-certification-bodies/>
- Journals, reports, case studies and white papers on standards and regulatory compliance, including many resources relevant to international markets. <http://library.ul.com/>

Discussion Forums

Elsmar Cove Discussion Forums. Discussion forums on international standards.
<https://elsmar.com/Forums/>

Medical Device Regulations

Emergo Group. Medical device regulatory consulting company. Link below provides information on international medical device regulations and approval processes.
<https://www.emergogroup.com/resources>

Greenlight Guru. Quality management software company. Link below provides medical device compliance resources. <http://www.greenlight.guru/medical-device-resources>

Portals

Global Edge, Michigan State University – Trade Law Compendium. This is a portion of a larger information portal on global trade. This section is “produced by the member law firms of Lexwork International,” and “provides trade law summaries for over 30 jurisdictions prepared by law firms located there.” Key information related to foreign compliance includes information on distributor/agent/rep agreements in various countries.
<https://globaledge.msu.edu/global-resources/trade-law-compendium>

Trade Compliance Institute – Regulatory Database. “The regulatory database includes hundreds of compliance-related terms/acronyms; laws/acts/regulations; treaties/agreements/conventions; documents; and organizations/agencies.” http://www.tradecomplianceinstitute.org/p_regulatory_database.php?Content=true

ANSI Standards Portal. Standards, conformance, market access and trade-related topics focused on Brazil, China, India, and Korea. <https://www.standardsportal.org/>

European Commission

European Commission. Importing into the EU – this information is aimed at helping both European firms wanting to import products to the EU and exporters from outside the EU who want to export their products to the EU. <http://ec.europa.eu/trade/import-and-export-rules/import-into-eu/>

US Government

US Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration. Federal export portal, managed by the US Department of Commerce International Trade Administration, in collaboration with 19 federal agencies involved in opening foreign markets and promoting the export of US products and services. <https://www.export.gov>

- Country Commercial Guides provide information on “market conditions, opportunities, regulations and business customs for over 125 countries prepared by trade and industry experts at US embassies worldwide.” Includes regulatory and compliance information. <https://www.export.gov/ccg>
- Foreign Commercial Service offices in embassies and consulates also have their own sections of the export.gov website, which sometimes include additional market and compliance information (beyond the Country Commercial Guide). http://2016.export.gov/worldwide_us/index.asp
- Industry pages provide market intelligence, trade events, trade leads and other industry resources. Market research sources include information on foreign country compliance. <https://www.export.gov/industries>

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Standards Coordination Office (SCO) NIST provides information about foreign standards, technical regulations and certification requirements.

<https://www.nist.gov/standardsgov/what-we-do/trade-regulatory-programs/standards-information-center>

- Notify US is a free web-based service from NIST that provides US industry with the opportunity to review and comment on proposed foreign technical regulations that can affect their businesses. <https://tsapps.nist.gov/notifyus/data/index/index.cfm>
- “Brazil’s Inmetro has released specific industry sector guides with detailed information on product regulations, standards, and conformity assessment requirements for use by businesses interested in exporting to Brazil.” Industries covered include agricultural machinery, medical equipment, toys, toiletries/perfume/cosmetics, oil and oil derivatives. <https://www.nist.gov/standardsgov/inmetros-brazilian-industry-guides>

US Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS). This part of the FAS site allows you to select specific regions and countries and find market intelligence and guides for US exporters, including compliance information. <http://www.fas.usda.gov/regions>

US Department of Agriculture (Exporting in General). Requirements for US exporters of food and agricultural products and processes for obtaining export certificates (e.g.; health and phytosanitary certifications) from the US government, which are sometimes required by foreign country governments. Includes US government and foreign country requirements. <https://www.usda.gov/topics/trade/exporting-goods>

- *Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).* Export requirements by country for agriculture, including wood products and animal/animal products. <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/importexport>
- *Food Safety and Inspection Services (FSIS).* Food export requirements by country. <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/international-affairs/exporting-products>

US Food and Drug Administration (Medical Devices). Rules for exporting medical devices and obtaining export certificates (often required by importing countries to document FDA regulatory and marketing status). <https://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/ImportingandExportingDevices/ExportingMedicalDevices/default.htm>

US Food and Drug Administration (Food). Obtaining export certificates for food products, which are sometimes required by importing countries. <https://www.fda.gov/food/guidanceregulation/importsexports/exporting/default.htm>

US Food and Drug Administration (Drugs/Biologics). Obtaining export certificates for drugs/biologics – firms exporting products from the US are often asked by foreign customers or foreign governments to supply an export certificate, prepared by the FDA containing information about a product's regulatory or marketing status. <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/developmentapprovalprocess/smallbusinessassistance/ucm052787.htm#exports>

US Treasury Department, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, International Affairs Division. “This guide was compiled by the International Affairs Division to offer information on international import requirements, such as licensing, labeling, and taxation considerations, for various countries for beer, wine, and distilled spirits.” Here is the link that allows you to select which countries you are interested in: <http://www.ttb.gov/itd/interre1.shtml>