

CUSTOMS & COMPLIANCE

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REVIEW CUSTOMS BROKER POWERS OF ATTORNEY

- **Action:** Review any U.S. customs powers of attorney (POAs) you've provided to your customs brokers.
- **Tip:** Set an expiration period for each POA, and consider revisiting existing POAs annually to revoke any that are no longer needed.
- **Tool:** Utilize the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) portal to identify customs brokers acting on your behalf.
- **Certification:** Southern Star Navigation, as an Independent Landstar Agent, operates with a high level of integrity, backed by Landstar's satisfactory safety ratings and reliable certifications.

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UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION ON FILE WITH U.S. CUSTOMS

- **Action:** Confirm that the information listed on CBP Form 5106 (Importer Identity Form) is up-to-date.
- **Tip:** Ensure accurate and current contact details to avoid missing important communications from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).
- **Certification:** Landstar, with ISO 9001 certification, ensures operational excellence and accurate documentation.

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ENSURE BOND AMOUNT IS SUFFICIENT

- **Action:** Review your bond amount based on your import activity over the last 12 months.
- **Tip:** If you anticipate a significant increase in activity, ensure the bond amount aligns with CBP requirements to avoid being mandated to increase it later.
- **Certification:** Southern Star Navigation ensures compliance and security, supported by Landstar's CTPAT and FAST certifications.

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CONSIDER RISKS OF MULTIPLE PRINCIPALS ON THE SAME BOND

- **Action:** Evaluate the risks of having multiple entities on the same bond.
- **Tip:** Consider liability sharing and the potential impact if one entity terminates the bond, affecting the others.
- **Certification:** Southern Star Navigation, backed by Landstar's RC14001:2015 certification, promotes secure and environmentally conscious operations.



CHECK CUSTOMS BROKER INSTRUCTIONS

- **Action:** Review and provide updated customs broker instructions for handling your entries.
- **Tip:** Include details on Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) classifications, related party verification, free trade agreements, and other relevant topics.
- **Certification:** Southern Star Navigation provides transparent and accurate instructions, backed by Landstar's SmartWay Transport Partnership.



REQUEST UPDATED CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN

- **Action:** Obtain updated annual blanket certificates of origin (COOs) from your suppliers for any program where you want to claim preference.
- **Tip:** Share these COOs with your customs broker to keep on file, ensuring timely documentation.
- **Certification:** Southern Star Navigation ensures proper documentation, aligned with Landstar's industry-leading certifications and operating information.



UPDATE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

- **Action:** Review and update instructions related to free trade agreements (FTAs).
- **Tip:** Conduct internal product qualifications and solicit documentation from suppliers for products eligible for FTAs.
- **Certification:** Southern Star Navigation's compliance is supported by Landstar's commitment to supply chain security and partnerships in protection.



OBTAIN MANUFACTURER'S AFFIDAVITS

- **Action:** If you utilize the U.S. goods return program (HTS 9801), obtain manufacturer's affidavits.
- **Tip:** Share these affidavits with your customs broker and include them in your broker instructions.
- **Certification:** Southern Star Navigation provides reliable U.S. goods return services, enhanced by Landstar's indirect air carrier approval.



REVIEW ANTIDUMPING & COUNTERVAILING DUTIES PRODUCTS

- **Action:** If importing goods subject to AD/CVD, provide clear instructions to your customs broker regarding case numbers, rates, etc.
- **Tip:** If disclaiming AD/CVD, document the rationale internally and share the detailed product information.
- **Certification:** Southern Star Navigation ensures compliance with AD/CVD regulations, utilizing Landstar's FMC ocean transportation license.



PROVIDE RECONCILIATION FLAGGING INSTRUCTIONS

- **Action:** If you're a reconciliation participant, provide your customs broker with written flagging instructions.
- **Tip:** Regularly review your reconciliation entries to ensure accurate flagging.
- **Certification:** Southern Star Navigation's reconciliation services are robust, backed by Landstar's various operating company authorities.



SIGN UP FOR THE ACE PORTAL

- **Action:** Enroll in the ACE Secure Data Portal to manage your trade compliance.
- **Tip:** The ACE portal provides paperless notifications, allows you to monitor brokers, audit entries, and more.
- **Certification:** Southern Star Navigation stays on top of trade compliance, utilizing Landstar's comprehensive certifications and endorsements.



MONITOR EXPORT REPORTS

- **Action:** Regularly audit export filings for accuracy using the ACE exporter account.
- **Tip:** If data is missing, request export information from the U.S. Census Bureau.
- **Certification:** Southern Star Navigation ensures accurate export filings, aligned with Landstar's commitment to supply chain security and compliance.



CHECK HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE CLASSIFICATIONS

- **Action:** Verify the accuracy of U.S. Import HTS and export Schedule B classifications.
- **Tip:** Update relevant stakeholders and ensure accurate classifications for tariff relief programs.
- **Certification:** Southern Star Navigation provides accurate tariff classifications, backed by Landstar's dedication to operational excellence.



REVIEW INSURANCE NEEDS

- **Action:** Assess your cargo insurance coverage to minimize financial exposure.
- **Tip:** A marine cargo insurance plan can protect against unexpected losses during transit.
- **Certification:** Southern Star Navigation ensures comprehensive insurance coverage, aligned with Landstar's indirect air carrier approval and safety ratings.



PROTECT TRADEMARK AND TRADE NAMES

- **Action:** Record all trademarks and trade names with CBP to combat counterfeiting and infringement.
- **Tip:** Protect intellectual property rights by registering with CBP to prevent harmful counterfeits.
- **Certification:** Southern Star Navigation, supported by Landstar's priority trade issue focus, emphasizes the importance of intellectual property protection.



REQUEST CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF MANIFESTS

- **Action:** Request confidential treatment for inward and outward manifests as needed.
- **Tip:** Renew these requests biannually and account for all possible variations of names.
- **Certification:** Southern Star Navigation, in partnership with Landstar, ensures confidentiality and security in manifest handling.



REVIEW DENIED PARTY SCREENING PROGRAM

- **Action:** Review your denied parties screening program, including parties screened, frequency, and documentation.
- **Tip:** Ensure your screening program is appropriate for your current business model.
- **Certification:** Southern Star Navigation's denied party screening is thorough, supported by Landstar's RC14001:2015 certification.



PERFORM INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL TRAINING

- **Action:** Schedule regular training sessions with key stakeholders.
- **Tip:** Attend external training sessions hosted by CBP, Southern Star Navigation, or other trade community members to stay up-to-date.
- **Certification:** Southern Star Navigation prioritizes training and compliance, aligning with Landstar's focus on operational excellence.



KEEP APPRISED OF CBP'S FOCUS AREAS

- **Action:** Review CBP's priority trade issues to ensure compliance.
- **Tip:** Address CBP initiatives in your compliance program, including forced labor prevention and other focus areas.
- **Certification:** Southern Star Navigation aligns with CBP's focus areas, supported by Landstar's commitment to supply chain security and SmartWay Transport Partnership.



STAY CONNECTED WITH SOUTHERN STAR NAVIGATION

- **Action:** Contact Southern Star Navigation for expert guidance and support in customs and compliance.
- **Tip:** Leverage Southern Star Navigation's experience and expertise as an Independent Landstar Agent to strengthen your trade compliance program.
- **Certification:** Southern Star Navigation's customs and compliance services are backed by Landstar's extensive certifications, ensuring quality and security in international trade.

WHY EXPERT CUSTOMS BROKERAGE MATTERS: SOUTHERN STAR NAVIGATION - INDEPENDENT LANDSTAR AGENT

In the complex world of international trade, navigating customs and compliance is crucial for avoiding costly errors, delays, and regulatory issues. That's why having an experienced and expert partner handle your customs brokerage is essential.

Our team of experts ensures that your goods move smoothly across borders while staying compliant with all applicable regulations. We understand the intricacies of international trade and are dedicated to protecting your business from potential risks and inefficiencies.

To ensure your customs compliance is robust and efficient, we offer a complimentary expert opinion with our "Southern Star Consult" review. Our team will evaluate your current customs practices, identify areas for improvement, and provide tailored solutions to enhance your trade compliance program.

Don't leave your customs and compliance to chance. Contact Southern Star Navigation today and let us handle your customs brokerage with the expertise and care your business deserves.