

Customs

Importers require knowledgeable counsel and smart advice to guide them through the complexities of U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) specialized procedures and requirements.

Polsinelli attorneys advise on a broad range of import issues before the CBP. Polsinelli also litigates customs matters in the Court of International Trade and before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. The administrative and litigation successes of Polsinelli attorneys have resulted in tens of millions of dollars in duty savings and refunds for clients.

- Polsinelli assists clients in determining the proper tariff classifications, valuation, duties and fees as well as the country of origin and marking of their imported products.
- Polsinelli's attorneys work with clients in exploring and taking full advantage of cost and duty-savings programs, such as duty drawback, foreign trade zones, bonded warehouses, and the importation of products under free trade agreements and special trade programs.
- The firm counsels companies on the import and customs clearance requirements of non-US jurisdictions.
- Polsinelli guides companies undergoing audits and focused assessments, and provides assistance in responding to requests for information, notices of action, penalty notices, claims of liquidated damages, detentions, seizures and forfeitures.
- Polsinelli's attorneys counsel clients regarding the Customs impacts of antidumping and countervailing duty proceedings, investigations under Sections 201, 301 and 337 of the Tariff Act, and other trade remedies.
- The firm routinely provides in-house customs compliance training, perform internal customs compliance assessments, and assists companies in filing post-entry amendments, protests and prior disclosures when warranted.
- Polsinelli attorneys record clients' registered trademarks and copyrights to prevent infringing products from being imported into the United States and provide counsel and education to CBP officials regarding clients' recorded products and protected IP to ensure appropriate enforcement at the border.

Polsinelli's attorneys have experience appearing in the recently established *inter partes* proceedings before CBP's Intellectual Property Rights Branch administered pursuant to Section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1337.

Publications

May 8, 2026

U.S. Court of International Trade Invalidates Trump Section 122 Global Tariffs, the Administration Appeals, and Tariffs Likely Will Remain in Effect for Most Importers

April 17, 2026

IEEPA Refund Portal Opens on April 20: What Importers Should Know About Filing, Timing and Liquidity Options

April 14, 2026

CBP to Launch Phase One of CAPE for IEEPA Refunds on April 20

April 3, 2026

Trump Administration Resets Section 232 Metals Tariffs, Retaining 50% Duties on Most Primary Metals and Imposing Tiered Full-Value Duties on New Product Groupings

April 3, 2026

Trump Administration Expands Section 232 Tariffs to Patented Pharmaceuticals and APIs

April 2, 2026

Updates on the IEEPA Refund Process and Section 232 Derivative Content Value Calculations

March 18, 2026

USTR Initiates New Multi-Country Section 301 Investigations

March 9, 2026

CIT Suspends Prior Order Requiring Immediate Refunds of IEEPA Duties

March 5, 2026

CIT Orders Refund of IEEPA Duties on “Any and All” Unliquidated Entries

February 23, 2026

Post-SCOTUS Tariff Reset: Trump Replaces IEEPA Duties with Temporary Section 122 10% Import Surcharge, Likely to Increase to 15%

February 20, 2026

U.S. Supreme Court Strikes Down IEEPA Tariffs; Trump Announces Replacement Tariffs: What Importers Should Do Now to Seek Refunds and Secure Supply Chains

February 13, 2026

President Trump Announces Trade Framework with India

January 20, 2026

Trump Administration Adopts a Dual-Track Approach to Restore U.S. Semiconductor Manufacturing Leadership

January 16, 2026

CBP Guidance Regarding Section 232 Dutiable Metal Content Valuation

December 17, 2025

CIT Denies Preliminary Injunction in IEEPA Tariff Litigation, Reaffirming its Authority to Order Reliquidation

November 18, 2025

New Tariff Exemptions Announced for Agricultural Products

November 14, 2025

President Trump Secures Multiple New U.S.-Asia Trade Deals and Foreign Investment Commitments

November 12, 2025

Lower Tariffs Take Effect Under New China Trade Deal

November 4, 2025

No Award, No Protest: COFC Narrows Post-Award Challenges in Strata-G Solutions

October 22, 2025

IEEPA Tariffs Head to Supreme Court: Could Refunds Be Next? What Businesses Should Know

October 22, 2025

New National Security Tariffs on Trucks, Truck Parts and Buses Take Effect Nov. 1

October 3, 2025

U.S. Imposes New Section 232 Tariffs on Timber, Lumber and Derivative Wood Products

September 25, 2025

U.S. Implements EU Tariff Rate Adjustments on Aircraft and Parts, Autos and Parts, Generic Pharma and More

September 24, 2025

Tariff Tensions Prompt VA to Rethink Contractor Pricing

September 18, 2025

Administration Opens Process to Expand Section 232 Duties to Additional Steel and Aluminum Derivative Products and Automobile Parts

September 11, 2025

The U.S. Supreme Court Will Soon Decide the Fate of President Trump's Tariffs

September 3, 2025

False Claims Act: DOJ Doubles Down on Duty Evasion Outside the Traditional Trade Enforcement Scheme

August 22, 2025

United States and European Union Add Commitments to Trade Framework

August 7, 2025

New 25 Percent Additional Tariffs on Imports from India

August 5, 2025

Reciprocal Tariffs Take Effect August 7

July 31, 2025

New Section 232 Tariffs Formalized on Copper Imports

July 31, 2025

New 40% Tariffs on Imports from Brazil into the U.S.

July 31, 2025

New National Security Probes on Imports of Polysilicon and Drones

July 31, 2025

Multiple Trade Deals Reached as August 1 Deadline Nears

July 8, 2025

Deadline for New Country-Specific Reciprocal Tariff Rates Delayed to August 1, With Some Rate Increases Scheduled

May 29, 2025

Court Strikes Down Fentanyl and Reciprocal Tariffs, but Appeals Court Temporarily Stays Impact

May 13, 2025

U.S. Launches National Security Investigation Into Aircraft and Jet Engine Imports

May 13, 2025

United States and China Announce Temporary 115 Percent Reduction in Tariffs While Trade Discussions Continue

April 16, 2025

New Section 232 Trade Investigation on Imports of Processed Critical Minerals and Their Derivative Products Could Result in Trade Actions Later This Year

April 15, 2025

New Section 232 Trade Investigations on Pharmaceutical and Semiconductor Imports Could Lead to Tariffs Mid-Year

April 10, 2025

Increase of Certain Reciprocal Tariffs Paused, While China Duties Ratchet Higher

April 3, 2025

New "Reciprocal" Tariffs Announced, Effective Starting April 5 for Nearly All Countries and Sectors

March 27, 2025

Potential New U.S. Import Tariffs on Countries Importing Venezuelan Oil

March 27, 2025

New U.S. Import Tariffs on Certain Automobiles and Parts

March 7, 2025

25% Duties on U.S. Imports from Canada and Mexico Lifted for USMCA-Eligible Merchandise

March 4, 2025

Increased Duties on Chinese Imports and Guidance Regarding New Tariffs on Canada and Mexico

March 3, 2025

Another New Section 232 Investigation on Imports of Timber, Lumber and Derivative Products

March 3, 2025

Increased Tariffs on Imports from Canada, Mexico and China Set to Take Effect March 4

February 26, 2025

New Section 232 Investigation on Imports of Copper, Scrap Copper and Derivative Products

February 14, 2025

Reciprocal Tariffs to be Investigated, Potentially Imposed Later in 2025

February 11, 2025

Expanded Section 232 Tariffs on U.S. Imports of Steel and Aluminum Articles

February 3, 2025

New Tariffs on U.S. Imports from Canada, Mexico and China

January 21, 2025

CBP's Proposed Changes to De Minimis Shipments

CIT Upholds List 3 and 4 Section 301 Tariffs