

Tradeflow® and Expeditors Global Customs

Systems and Service Together Providing Compliance Visibility and Control

Tradeflow® is a web-based tool designed by Expeditors for use by customers. With Tradeflow®, importers and exporters can manage information about the products that they buy and sell along with important cross border attributes such as classification, duty rate, country of origin, multi-lingual descriptions, document images and other government agency requirements with a field-level audit trail. The Product Management Centre acts as the central repository for a company's global product database, and is integrated with Tradeflow's global trade content, giving access to customs tariffs and rates for over 120 countries, export control numbers, import and export controls, trade partner screening and landed cost estimates between multiple countries.

Expeditors Global Customs services focus on the compliance, release, and reporting needs of the marketplace, which Expeditors refers to as the "Customs value stream." Expeditors network operates under standardized processes, which are continually validated, measured, analyzed and reviewed. The goal is to have processes that optimize the entire customs value stream. Compliance information is a key input to the release process. Expeditors customs' brokerage facilitates data flowing smoothly and accurately, minimizing the time involved in the release process so a customer's overall supply chain processes are not obstructed. Expeditors promotes the most efficient methods of capturing, using, and managing data, from input at origin through statistical reporting at client-specified levels. Technology is the platform from which Expeditors drives customs brokerage processes.

A parts database allows a customer a repository for product information; Tradeflow's Product Management Centre is not only a repository of detailed product information but also a tool to manage and distribute this data globally to trading partners. Tradeflow® facilitates visibility to data required for clearance so it can be organized upstream when purchasing decisions are made; supported by estimated landed costing or at the point in time the Purchase Order is issued. New product requiring classification is systematically captured, and other clearance information requirements can be identified and fulfilled proactively.

The data in Tradeflow® can be integrated with any broker the customer elects. Tradeflow's Product Management Centre is fully integrated with the Expeditors brokerage process - there are no delays in the implementation process with integration due to formatting, IT schedules or costs. Information flows smoothly from the Tradeflow® system to Expeditors giving the customer control over the information provided to the broker. On-line collaboration and work queues in Tradeflow® simplify communication and speed resolution when questions arise. When all data required for clearance is ready when needed, the broker can focus on the customer's documented compliance and business procedures to streamline the clearance process.

Tradeflow's Product Management Centre maintains field-level history detail for customer compliance auditing.

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