



# The International Logistics Community Overview





Members of the international forwarding community play a key role in ensuring the security of the global supply chain, stemming the flow of illegal exports, and helping to prevent Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) and other sensitive goods and technologies from falling into the hands of proliferators and terrorists.





# What is a Customs House Broker (CHB)?

- Customs brokers are **private individuals, partnerships, associations or corporations** licensed, regulated and empowered by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to assist importers and exporters in meeting Federal requirements governing imports and exports. Brokers submit necessary information and appropriate payments to CBP on behalf of their clients and charge them a fee for this service.
- Brokers must have expertise in the entry procedures, admissibility requirements, classification, valuation, and the rates of duty and applicable taxes and fees for imported merchandise.
- There are approximately 12,500 active licensed Customs brokers in the United States.





# What is an NVOCC/OTI?

- An Ocean Transportation Intermediary is either an ocean freight forwarder or a non-vessel operating common carrier ("NVOCC"). An ocean freight forwarder is an individual or company in the United States that dispatches shipments from the United States via common carriers and books or otherwise arranges space for those shipments on behalf of shippers.
  - Ocean freight forwarders also prepare and process the documentation and perform related activities pertaining to those shipments.
  - An NVOCC is a common carrier that holds itself out to the public to provide ocean transportation, issues its own house bills of lading or equivalent document, but does not operate the vessels by which ocean transportation is provided, and is a shipper in relation to the involved ocean common carrier.
- Ocean freight forwarders are required to obtain a license to provide services in the United States. U.S.-based NVOCCs are also required to be licensed. NVOCCs that are not based in the U.S. are not required to be licensed, but may choose to obtain one if desired, as licensing results in lower financial responsibility levels.





# What is a Freight Forwarder?

- An international freight forwarder is an agent for the exporter and can move cargo from “dock-to-door,” providing several significant services such as:
  - Advising on exporting costs including freight costs, port charges, consular fees, costs of special documentation, insurance costs and freight handling fees;
  - Preparing and filing required export documentation such as the bill of lading and routing appropriate documents to the seller, the buyer or a paying bank;
  - Advising on the most appropriate mode of cargo transport and making arrangements to pack and load the cargo;
  - Reserving the necessary cargo space on a vessel, aircraft, train, or truck.
  - Making arrangements with overseas customs brokers to ensure that the goods and documents comply with customs regulations.
- Export freight forwarders are licensed by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) to handle airfreight and the Federal Maritime Commission to handle ocean freight.





# Licensing Federal Agencies

- [www.CBP.gov](http://www.CBP.gov) (CHB)  
*U.S. Customs Border & Protection Agency*
- [www.TSA.gov](http://www.TSA.gov) (IAC's)  
*Transportation Security Administration*
- [www.FMC.gov](http://www.FMC.gov) (NVOCC/OTI)  
*Federal Maritime Commission*  
*FMC Regulates Ocean Carriers and OTI's, NVOCC's*





# The Alphabet Soup of Federal Regulating Agencies (For International Trade & Logistics)

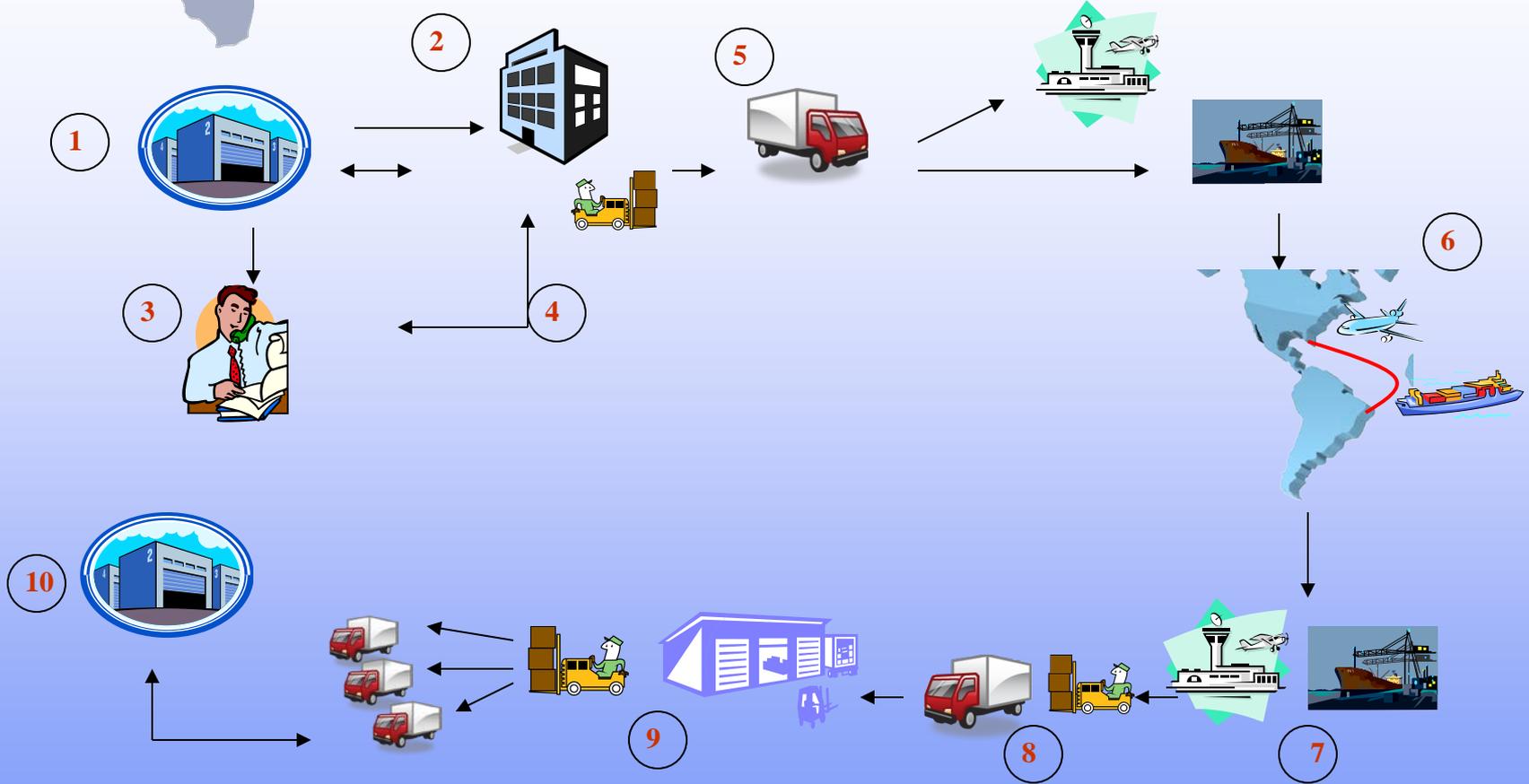
\*DHS – Dept. Homeland Security  
CBP - Customs Border and Protection  
TSA- Transportation Security Admin.  
FDA- Food & Drug Administration  
USDA- U.S. Dept. of Agriculture  
FWS – Fish & Wildlife Services  
FMC- Federal Maritime Commission  
FMCSA- Federal Motor Carrier Safety Admin.  
ICE- U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement  
BIS- Bureau of Industry & Security  
EPA – Environmental Protection Agency  
ITAR – Intl. Traffic in Arms Regulations Bureau  
BATF- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms &  
Explosives  
APHIS- Animal & Plant Health Inspection Services

FTC- Federal Trade Commission  
FAA – Federal Aviation Admin.  
DOS – Department of State  
DOC- Department of Commerce  
DEA – Drug Enforcement Agency  
DOD – Department of Defense  
DOT- Department of Transportation  
USCG- U.S. Coast Guard  
IPR- Intellectual Property Rights Coordination  
Center  
OSHA- Occupational Safety & Health Admin.  
PTRC- Patent and Trademark Resource Center  
CPSC- Consumer Product Safety Commission  
TTB- Alcohol & Tobacco Tax & Trade Bureau  
U.S. Census Bureau





# Simplified Import Process





**Thank You!**

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