Trade Single Window: Simple Tools for Complex Rules
The Complexities of International Trade...

- Trading internationally requires understanding complex procedures

- Traders need to learn not only the practicalities of international trade but also the legal requirements. E.g.:
  - Customs procedures – customs regimes, declarations, classification of goods
  - Regulations – licensing, prohibitions & restrictions, quota restrictions, duty liabilities, industry specific regulations

- Traders need to keep track of changes in legislation

- The Information traders need is usually widely dispersed, difficult to find and hard to understand
Lack of understanding or difficult to find information can result in...

- High cost of compliance for traders
- Inadvertent non-compliance by traders
- Discourages trade
- Loss of revenue to government
- Higher enforcement costs to government
Reducing the burden on business...

Importers & exporters need:

- Information, guidance and tools that explain and simplify the complex processes and terminology
- One central point to find advice with clear signposts for action
- Information brought together from many sources
- To keep up to date with changes in regulations
Solution examples from Arctic Group

Providing information & guidance...

Arctic PORTAL
Information & Guidance Portal

Keeping traders up to date...

Arctic TARIFF
Online Tariff Services

Simplifying processes and terminology...

Arctic CLASSIFICATION
Automated commodity code classification
For traders:

- Up to date duty rates
- Online duty calculator
- Quotas
- Licence requirements
- Download tariff as PDF
- Email alerts
ArcticCLASSIFICATION

• A classification engine that can translate a commercial product description into a single, correct HS code

• Allows traders to describe products in their own words

• Reads and interprets product description

• Reasons its way through the HS classification process

• Simplifies the classification process

• Comprehensive content management facilities to maintain classification and explanatory notes

• Brings together notes from multiple sources, e.g.:
  • EU notes
  • Dual Use notes
  • WCO Notes
  • External links

• Notes are displayed in context within the Tariff Nomenclature
Benefits to business

Easy access to consistent information & tools can:

- Reduce compliance costs for traders
- Result in reduced levels of inadvertent non-compliance
- Encourage more businesses into international trade
Benefits to government

- Directly improve the service government provides to the trade; by making trade regulations easier to understand and follow

- Can also provide government help line staff and advice services with an accurate and up to date first point of reference when responding to queries

- Leads to the government being able to focus on those traders that actively try to avoid regulations

- Easier to communicate changes in regulations to businesses
We would be happy to answer any further questions that you may have.

Thank you for your attention

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