

## **INVITATION & REGISTRATION**

### **STEEL IDENTIFICATION, CLASSIFICATION AND TRADE LAW SEMINAR – NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

For  
**U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION,  
OTHER U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS  
and CUSTOMHOUSE BROKERS**

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**UNITED STATES DOMESTIC STEEL INDUSTRY**

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American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI)  
Committee on Pipe and Tube Imports (CPTI)  
Specialty Steel Industry of North America (SSINA)  
Steel Manufacturers Association (SMA)  
Wire Rod Producers Coalition  
Pre-Stressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand Producers Coalition  
Long Products Producers Coalition

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<b>When:</b>	<b>Tuesday, February 7, 2023</b>	<b>8:30 AM to 4:15 PM</b>
	<b>Wednesday, February 8, 2023</b>	<b>8:15 AM to 4:15 PM</b>

**Where:** **United States Customs and Border Protection Customs House**  
423 Canal Street  
New Orleans, LA 70130

This program is structured for Customhouse Broker personnel handling imported steel, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials and other U.S. Government officials interested in steel enforcement. The seminar is **FREE**, and it is not geographically restricted, so attendance from locations outside the general New Orleans region is encouraged. All costs for the seminar itself are covered by the steel industry. Participants are responsible for their own travel, lodging, and meal expenses.

**DISCLAIMER:** This information has been prepared for your convenience by the American steel industry. This material is intended to provide guidance. Recognizing that many complicated factors are involved in trade matters, an importer may wish to obtain a binding ruling under 19 CFR Part 177. Reliance solely on this information may not be considered reasonable care. Importers are referred to **Treasury Decision 97-96**, which was published in the **Federal Register** of December 4, 1997, and in the **Customs Bulletin** of December 17, 1997, for in-depth information on the concept of reasonable care.

The seminar, presented by technical, commercial and legal experts representing the steel industry, aims to increase the knowledge of steel importations by CBP and other USG officials and members of the Customhouse broker community. Brokers, Government and the steel industry all benefit when personnel involved in the steel import process are more knowledgeable of steel and the specific laws, rules and regulations that apply to steel imports. The partnership between CBP and the steel industry and the seminar program have been continuous since the mid-1960s, with hundreds of CBP, other USG and Broker officials participating annually. **The seminar is continuously revised and updated. You should attend even if you have been to past seminars.** In recognition of the significant problem of fraud, circumvention and evasion, there is additional material on this subject, as well as expanded information on current issues.

The **CLASSROOM SEMINAR PROGRAM** consists of four parts --

- a) **Market, industry & trade law perspective**, including
  - Introductory Overview, Market Perspective,
  - Principals of Classification,
  - Basics of U.S. Trade Law, and
  - Dept of Commerce Customs Liaison Unit
  - Section 232 / Section 301 activity
- b) **Technical topics**, including
  - Steelmaking,
  - Standards, Specifications, Metallurgy, and Mill Test Certificates
- c) **Carbon and alloy steel mill products**, including presentations for each major category (Flat Rolled Products, Tubular Products, Long Products) on
  - Classification,
  - Technical,
  - Legal, and
  - Commercial Issues.
- d) **Stainless steel mill products**, covering all product forms, with separate presentations on
  - Classification and Technical, and
  - Legal and Commercial.

A copy of the preliminary agenda is attached. The presenters will concentrate on issues of importance to CBP, HSI and the Broker community, such as product identification, HTS classification, antidumping and countervailing duty laws including product coverage and exclusions, world economic and steel industry events impacting steel trade, and specific enforcement issues, particularly fraud, circumvention and evasion.

Please note that the classroom portion of the seminar is presented over two days and **there is no repetition. You must attend all sessions to experience all the topics.** Each attendee will be provided with a comprehensive manual containing all presentations and reference materials.

**You are required to register** to attend the seminar. It's easy, and it's **FREE**. Complete the following form, and **email the form to rdidonna@wiley.law**, or fax the form to the attention of Richard F. DiDonna at (202) 719-7049 (**email is preferred**). **Register early to assure yourself a place – space is limited.** We need an accurate count of attendees to prepare and ship appropriate seminar materials in a timely manner. Registrants will be provided with additional details **by email** as we approach the seminar dates.

*Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the program strongly encourages all attendees to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Program organizers and staff have implemented measures to limit as much as possible the spread of COVID-19 during in-person events, including, but not limited to, encouraging social distancing and handwashing, and adhering to existing Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines. However, it is impossible to completely eliminate the possibility of transmission of COVID-19. Accordingly, attendees are encouraged to wear face coverings or masks when indoors and to observe CDC guidelines to further limit the spread of COVID-19. If you are in prolonged close contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 or if you feel ill or experience COVID-19 symptoms at any time during the Program, you are required to immediately notify Program organizers at rdidonna@wiley.law and to refrain from attending any in-person program event or activity. Program Organizers will handle all COVID-19 related inquiries or notifications confidentially.*

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**Information:** For more seminar information, information on hotels, or if you have any other questions, contact Richard F. DiDonna, Steel Industry Customs Liaison by email at **[rddonna@wiley.law](mailto:rddonna@wiley.law)** or by phone at **(202) 719-7196**.

\* The program retains the right to limit attendance from any particular company or group owing to capacity or other constraints.