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IF YOUR DUMPING/COUNTERVAILING DUTIES HAVE BEEN DOUBLED, YOU SHOULD FILE PROTESTS

If an importer is not being reimbursed for assessed dumping/countervailing duties it must file a certificate of reimbursement prior to the liquidation of the entry. 19 CFR 351.402 (previously 19 CFR 353.26).

If this certificate is not filed the government will presume the producer paid or reimbursed the dumping/countervailing duties. In such a situation, Commerce instructs Customs to double the dumping/countervailing duties.

However, this doubling is not based on a regulation but rather a letter from Commerce to Customs dated 06/05/91. Since this doubling is not based on the law or regulation the doubling should be protested.

(This letter is available on our website - www.customslawyer.net)

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CBP'S IMPORTER TRADE ACTIVITY (ITRACT) REQUESTS

If you are being audited by Customs or if you planning on making a Voluntary Disclosure to Customs or for other reasons CBP's ITRACT is a very handy was to get all of your import data electronically going back 5 years.

DHS TRAVELER REDRESS INQUIRY PROGRAM (DHS TRIP)

People who have been denied or delayed airline boarding; have been denied or delayed entry into or exit from the U.S. at a port of entry or border crossing; or have been repeatedly referred to additional (secondary) screening should file a complaint using the DHS TRIP program.

HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA TASK FORCE

The Federal Government is running HIDTA using agents from all Federal agencies. They are especially concentrating on "Black Market Peso Exchanges."
If you are doing business in Latin America you should do everything you can to avoid these BMPEs!