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DON'T GAMBLE WITH YOUR FUTURE.

Have you run into trouble with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)? If you're already the subject of an investigation or if you're worried about the threat of one, you need to be very careful. Think of the investigation as an audit in that CBP is combing through your records and drawing conclusions to ensure you have been complying with their regulations. Where wrongdoing is found, you could be subject to either civil or criminal penalties, **including jail time.**

Face CBP with the help on an experience advisor.

Whether it's your first time ever hearing about the CBP or you had some familiarity with the federal agency, what is important to understand is that you'd better be careful if you want to get through this alone without an experienced advisor.



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3 THINGS YOU SHOULD BE WORRIED ABOUT

Whether you're facing a Focused Assessment or some other CBP audit, we are here to share three things you should be worried about if you're facing a CBP audit alone.





1. SAYING TOO MUCH

While you're worrying about being audited in the first place you may naturally want to give CBP the most comprehensive and complete response that you can. Unfortunately, what you don't know is that they could simultaneously be exploring other company violations, which means that the things you give them can work against you. So you want to be sure to give them enough info to be satisfactory without giving more than you need to.





2. NOT RESPONDING

You may be so worried that you're inclined to do nothing. Not responding to a questionnaire or having a delayed response is the absolute wrong approach. You must respond to the agency within the timeframe they require. Cooperating with a government audit may also be considered a mitigating factor which can decrease the level of culpability your company may be subject to. Don't ignore them and don't hide. Not only will they find you, but ignoring them could lead to a worse outcome, or even the destruction of your business, when it doesn't have to.





3. ADDRESSING EACH PART INDIVIDUALLY

The third thing to worry about is that you need to address each part of the audit individually. What do I mean by that? Let's say you're being audited for a classification issue and you're simultaneously being audited for a valuation issue. Even if there is overlap in terms of the facts underlying each issue, you want to present the information related to each of these issues separately. Don't assume that just because you've described it in one section that it's sufficient for the other. When doing the audit, CBP may conclude one area has sufficient information but the other does not. Though you can expect that they will come back with questions, you want to do your best to minimize them.





WE GET IT...

We get it. Going through a CBP audit is invasive, disruptive, and difficult. Our team is determined to help you through this audit as quickly and peacefully as possible.

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