

International Trade

At Amundsen Davis, our brick and mortar presence is based in the heart of the Midwest, but many of our clients do business around the world. Our international trade practice is dedicated to helping companies large and small navigate the complexities of international commerce, offering tailored legal solutions that empower businesses to thrive in an ever-changing global environment.

Persistent supply chain disruptions; geopolitical tensions; and heightened focus on issues like forced labor and environmental, social, and governance standards highlight the interconnected nature of the global economy and its effects on businesses of all sizes. Additionally, authorities are introducing an increasing number of international trade policies with significant implications at an unprecedented pace.

To address these challenges and capitalize on opportunities, we advise clients in the following areas:

Sanctions

- Representation before the Office of Foreign Assets Control in the filing of de-listing petitions
- Help international clients navigate primary and secondary sanctions exposure risks

Customs

- Valuation, classification and origin, and setting up of free trade zones
- Free trade agreements, including the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, and tariff preference programs
- Duty recovery and mitigation strategies, including drawbacks, first sales, and protest filings
- Audits, internal investigations, prior disclosures, security and compliance programs, seizures, and penalty actions
- PFAS compliance and related engagements with Partner Government Agencies (PGA)

Trade Remedies

- Anti-dumping, countervailing duties, and subsidies
- Issues arising under legislation and international agreements, including the Trade Act and Trade Expansion Act of 1962

PROFESSIONALS

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Partner

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National Security

- Export controls, sanctions, and embargoes
- Anti-boycott actions
- Anti-money laundering laws and regulations
- Export Administration Regulations
- International Traffic in Arms Regulations
- Buy American Act; Buy America; and Build America, Buy America Act provisions
- Related engagements with PGAs
- Audits, voluntary disclosures, and reporting

Human Rights and Sustainability

- Adherence to regulations on labor practices and ethical sourcing
- Modification and revocation of Withhold Release Orders
- Release of detentions
- Forced labor and supply chain audits
- Forced labor compliance programs
- Counseling in relation to suppliers and other third parties
- Compliance with EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism

Maritime Shipping and Logistics

- Setting up of maritime shipping operations and related engagements with Protection and Indemnity clubs, classification societies, ship management companies, ship agents, and flag states
- Vessel registration and finance
- Compliance with Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) regulations applicable to Ocean Transportation Intermediary – Non-Vessel Operating Common Carrier and Freight Forwarder licenses and FMC tariff publications
- Compliance with the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (and its United States equivalent under federal Hazardous Materials Regulations)

Customized Training

- Targeted training on a wide range of international trade and related topics applicable to your unique business scenarios

Experience

Duty-Free Import Strategy for Agricultural Products

Export Controls and Licensing for Restricted Destinations

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Firm News

Ngosong Fonkem Joins Amundsen Davis's Milwaukee Office

Firm News, August 1, 2024

In the Media

Ngosong Fonkem Quoted By State Bar of Wisconsin's *Inside Track Weekly*

Media Mention, *Inside Track Weekly*, January 7, 2026

Ngosong Fonkem Interviewed for Wisconsin Bar Association's *Inside Track Weekly*

Media Mention, *Wisconsin Bar Association*, *Inside Track Weekly*, July 16, 2025

Ngosong Fonkem Quoted in *USA Today*'s Article on the 2025 U.S. Import Surge

Over Tariff Concerns

Media Mention, *USA Today*, April 16, 2025

Ngosong Fonkem Featured in WISN-TV Evening News Segment Discussing U.S.

Tariffs

Media Mention, *WISN-TV*, February 14, 2025

Ngosong Fonkem quoted in *Wisconsin Lawyer*'s "Wisconsin Legal Trends 2025"

Media Mention, *Wisconsin Lawyer*, January 31, 2025

Insight on Business Interviews Ngosong Fonkem on International Trade Policy and the Election

Media Mention, *Insight on Business*, September 30, 2024

Wisconsin Lawyer Asks Ngosong Fonkem for International Trade Law Advice

Media Mention, *Wisconsin Lawyer*, February 7, 2023

Alerts

How to Qualify Medical Devices for Duty-Free Import Into the U.S.

Article, *Amundsen Davis International Trade Alert*, February 6, 2026

Requesting Trump Tariff Refunds Through Protest Filings

Article, *Amundsen Davis International Trade Alert*, October 27, 2025

Duty-Free Entry for Products Used in Agriculture and Horticulture

Article, *Amundsen Davis International Trade Alert*, September 29, 2025

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Federal Appeals Court Strikes Down Trump Tariffs: Implications for U.S. Businesses

Article, *Amundsen Davis International Trade Alert*, September 2, 2025

What Businesses Need to Know About Trump's New Penalty Tariffs on India

Article, *Amundsen Davis International Trade Alert*, August 27, 2025

Tariff Update: Trump Announces Universal Tariffs Effective August 1, 2025

Article, *Amundsen Davis International Trade Alert*, August 1, 2025

How to Be Removed From a U.S. Sanctions Watchlist List

Article, *Amundsen Davis International Trade Alert*, June 10, 2025

Federal Trade Court Rules Trump Administration's Use of Emergency Commerce Law to Impose Broad Tariffs Was Unlawful

Article, *Amundsen Davis International Trade Alert*, May 29, 2025

U.S. and China Agree to Reduce Reciprocal Tariffs for 90 Days

Article, *Amundsen Davis International Trade Alert*, May 12, 2025

U.S. Imposes Reciprocal Tariffs: Key Takeaways for Businesses

Article, *Amundsen Davis International Trade Alert*, April 4, 2025

How to Implement a Foreign Trade Zone to Mitigate Tariffs

Article, *Amundsen Davis International Trade Alert*, April 2, 2025

U.S. Businesses Brace for 25% Duties on Imports From Canada and Mexico

Article, *Amundsen Davis International Trade Alert*, February 26, 2025

Steel and Aluminum Tariff "Derivative Articles" Defined

Article, *Amundsen Davis International Trade Alert*, February 18, 2025

Key Takeaways From President Trump's February 2025 Steel and Aluminum Tariff Proclamations

Article, *Amundsen Davis International Trade Alert*, February 12, 2025

How to Comply With the EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism

Article, *Amundsen Davis International Trade Alert*, January 7, 2025

How to Understand Substantial Transformation in a Country of Origin

Determination

Article, *Amundsen Davis International Trade Alert*, January 3, 2025

Proper Tariff Classification Impact on Business: How to Avoid Misclassification

Article, *Amundsen Davis International Trade Alert*, October 30, 2024

USTR Announces Long-Awaited Section 301 Exclusion Process for Domestic Manufacturing Machinery

Article, *Amundsen Davis International Trade Alert*, October 23, 2024

A Guide to U.S. Trade Remedies Laws

Article, *Amundsen Davis International Trade Alert*, October 9, 2024

How to Start and Operate a Maritime Ship Business

Article, *Amundsen Davis International Trade Alert*, September 25, 2024

Events

Corporate Risk Management Series: Accessing New Markets While Managing Business Risks

Event, Amundsen Davis, Webcast, March 4, 2026

Accessing New Markets: International Business Opportunities

Speaking Engagement, Wisconsin Economic Development, Marketplace 2025; Milwaukee, WI, December 10, 2025

Africa Energy Week 2025

Speaking Engagement, Africa Energy Chambers (AEC); Cape Town, South Africa, September 29, 2025

Taxes, Tariffs, and Policies, Oh My!

Speaking Engagement, Oak Creek Community Center; Oak Creek WI, June 25, 2025

Taxes, Tariffs, and Policies, Oh My!

Speaking Engagement, Oak Creek Community Center; Oak Creek WI, May 28, 2025

Export Readiness, Compliance, and Opportunities for Small Businesses

Speaking Engagement, Native Edge Institute (NEI), Seminar; Waukesha, WI, May 22, 2025

Strategic Decision Making in Uncertain Times

Speaking Engagement, Wisconsin District Export Council (WI DEC); Amundsen Davis, Milwaukee, WI, April 29, 2025

Navigating Tariffs and Supply Chain Challenges

Speaking Engagement, USLAW, Webcast, March 25, 2025

Navigating Trade Challenges: Strategies for Manufacturers in a Shifting Global Landscape

Event, Amundsen Davis Webcast, January 8, 2025

Navigating the Complexities of International Trade Law Between Asia-Pacific & CEE

Speaking Engagement, Inter-Pacific Bar Association, Regional Conference; Warsaw, Poland, September 30, 2024

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Exporting to the United States: Challenges and Opportunities from a Sri Lankan Perspective

Speaking Engagement, Sudath Perera Associates, Webcast, May 2023

Doing Business in Sub-Saharan Africa: An Overview of Legal Considerations

Speaking Engagement, International Trade Club of Chicago, Webcast, February 28, 2023

Talking Trade

Speaking Engagement, WisBusiness, Podcast, August 19, 2022

Talking Trade

Speaking Engagement, WisBusiness, Podcast, September 17, 2021

Trade Remedies Update

Speaking Engagement, Inter-Pacific Bar Association, Webcast, September 14, 2021

Embargoes, Sanctions, and Tariffs: Global Disruption and Trade Tensions

Speaking Engagement, International Trade Club of Chicago, Webcast, November 12, 2020

Getting the Facts on Trade & Tariffs

Speaking Engagement, WHBY Radio Station, Fresh Take with Josh Dukelow, June 16, 2018

Published Works

Adapting to 'America First' in a Shifting Trade Landscape

Publication, *Insight on Business*, July 16, 2025

Economic Development, Good Governance are Key to the Preventing the Next

Coup D'état in Africa

Publication, *Florida Bar International Law Quarterly*, Fall 2023

The Impact of Geopolitics on Aluminum Prices

Publication, *IOM — Insights of Manufacturing*, July 14, 2023

Shipping Vehicles and The IMDG Code

Publication, *LexBlog*, May 23, 2023