

# 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**

Ngosong Fonkem  
Partner

## **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

## Firm News

Ngosong Fonkem Joins Amundsen Davis's Milwaukee Office  
Firm News, August 1, 2024

## In the Media

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 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

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

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 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