

I RECEIVED A PENALTY FROM CANADA CUSTOMS NOW WHAT?

Receiving penalties from Customs can be worrisome, not to mention costly. Financial impact aside, this can affect your reputation and lead to more frequent examinations at the border.

THE CHALLENGE

Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS)

- 1** Customs use AMPS to assess penalties for non-compliance of various regulations.
- 2** Ensure all documents you provide are accurate, complete and truthful.
- 3** AMPS are issued even if it was an "honest mistake", so know what is required for goods you import/export.

Most common penalties:



- Failure to pay duties.
- Unauthorized removal of goods from warehouse.
- Direct delivery prior to release from CBSA control.
- Not reporting goods to CBSA.
- Failure to self-correct an incorrect declaration.

THE SOLUTIONS

Proactive



The **Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)** carries out regular **verifications (audits)** of import activities in order to ensure compliance with requirements for tariff classification, product valuation and country of origin.



Being prepared means **knowing which goods are being targeted** and being extra diligent with your customs compliance when importing these goods. Verifying your status as soon as possible will give you the chance to voluntarily comply - reducing potential penalties and enabling you to account for additional costs where needed.

Reactive



Reach out to an **Audit Response Unit (ARU)** to make sure you're in compliance.

Our dedicated ARU is staffed by professionals with extensive experience **managing customs verifications**. They understand the potential risks and costs to a business facing an audit and work with clients to both avoid being audited and in response if an audit does occur.



Did You Know that on April 1, 2019, increased penalty fees for 22 of the 152 **AMPS** contraventions were announced.

