



DIMERCO CUSTOMS BROKERAGE SERVICES CO. LTD.

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CUSTOMS POWER OF ATTORNEY AND DESIGNATION AS IMPORTER SECURITY FILING AGENT and Acknowledgement of Terms and Conditions of Service

(1) IRS / SS / Importer ID No.: _____
ACH Payer Unit No.: _____
C-TPAT No.: _____

(2) Check appropriate box:
☐ Individual
☐ General Partnership
☐ Limited Partnership
☐ Corporation
☐ Sole Proprietorship
☐ Limited Liability Company

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That, (3) _____ (Full name of individual, partnership, corporation, sole proprietorship or limited liability company) (grantor) doing business as

(4) _____ under the laws of the State or Country and Province of (5) _____
(Assumed name, if any)

residing or having a principal place of business at (6) _____

Hereby constitutes and appoints Dimerco Customs Brokerage Services Co. Ltd. d/b/a Dimerco (grantee), its officers, employees and/or specifically authorized agents, to act for and on its behalf as a true and lawful agent and attorney of the grantor for and in the name, place and stead of said grantor, from this date, in all Customs Districts either in writing, electronically, or by other authorized means, to:

Make, endorse, sign, declare or swear to any Customs entry, withdrawal, declaration, certificate, bill of lading, carnet, manifest or any other documents required by law or regulation in connection with the importation, exportation, transportation, of any merchandise in or through the Customs territory, shipped or consigned by or to said grantor;

Perform any act or condition which may be required by law or regulation in connection with such merchandise deliverable to said grantor; to receive any merchandise;

Make endorsements on bills of lading conferring authority to transfer title; make entry or collect drawback; and to make, sign, declare, or swear to any statement or certificate required by law or regulation for drawback purposes, regardless of whether such document is intended for filing with Customs;

Sign, seal and deliver for and as the act of said grantor any bond required by law or regulation in connection with the entry or withdrawal of imported merchandise or merchandise exported with or without benefit of drawback, or in connection with the entry, clearance, lading, unloading or navigation of any vessel or other means of conveyance owned or operated by said grantor, and any and all bonds which may be voluntarily given and accepted under applicable laws and regulations, consignees and owner's declarations provided for in Section 485, Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, or affidavits or statements in connection with the entry of merchandise;

Sign and swear to any document and to perform any act that may be necessary or required by law or regulation in connection with the entering, clearing lading, unloading or operation of any vessel or other means of conveyance owned or operated by said grantor;

Perform any act or condition, or make endorse, sign, declare, or swear to any documents required by law or regulation in connection with Section 203 of the SAFE Port Act of 2006, including, but not limited to any Importer Security Filings;

Authorize other Customs Brokers duly licensed within the territory to act as grantor's agent; to receive, endorse and collect checks issued for Customs duty refunds in grantor's name drawn on the Treasurer of the United States; if the grantor is a nonresident of the United States, to accept service of process on behalf of the grantor;

Generally to transact Customs business, including filing of claims or protests under Section 514 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, or pursuant to other laws and regulations of the territories, in which said grantor is or may be concerned or interested and which may properly be transacted or performed by an agent and attorney;

Grantor waives the confidentiality requirements of Section 111.24 of the Customs Regulations and the requirement in Section 111.36 of the Customs Regulations that the Customs Broker transmit a copy of its bill for services directly to the importer, and authorizes the Customs Broker to transmit its bill for services and copies of the Customs entry and related documents (CBP-7501 or other document used to make entry, commercial invoices, etc.) through Dimerco Express (USA) Corp. No part of any agreement between the freight forwarder and the Customs Broker forbids or prevents direct communication between the importer or other party in interest and the Customs Broker;

Giving to said agent and attorney full power and authority to do anything whatever requisite and necessary to be done in the premises as fully as said grantor could do if present and acting, hereby ratifying and confirming all that the said agent and attorney shall lawfully do by virtue of these presents;

This power of attorney to remain in full force and effect until the earlier of the (7) _____ day of _____, or until revocation in writing is duly given and received by grantee (if the donor of this power of attorney is a partnership, the said power shall in no case have any force or effect in the United States after the expiration 2 years from the date of its execution);

If the grantor is a General Partnership, the signatory certifies that he/she has full authority to execute this power on behalf of the grantor and shall state the names of all members of the partnership.

If the grantor is a Limited Partnership, the signatory certifies that he/she has full authority to execute this power on behalf of grantor and shall provide the names of the general partners who have authority to execute this power on behalf of grantor. The signatory shall also provide a copy of the limited partnership agreement with this power.

If the grantor is a Limited Liability Company, the signatory certifies that he/she has full authority to execute this power on behalf of the grantor and shall provide the names of all members or managers with the authority to execute this power of attorney.

Grantor acknowledges receipt of the Terms and Conditions of Service governing transactions between the parties. Execution of this power of attorney acknowledges that the grantor has received, accepts, and agrees to comply with these Terms and Conditions of Service.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said (8) _____
caused these presents to be sealed and signed: (9) Signature: _____

(10) Print Name: _____ (11) Capacity: _____ (12) Date: _____

(13) Witness: (if required) _____

If you are the importer of record, payment to the broker will not relieve you of liability for U.S. Customs charges (duties, taxes or other debts owed Customs) in the event the charges are not paid by the broker. Therefore, if you pay by check, Customs charges may be paid with a separate check payable to the "U.S. Customs and Border Protection" which shall be delivered to Customs by the broker. Importers who wish to utilize this procedure must contact our office in advance to arrange timely receipt of duty checks.

INDIVIDUAL OR PARTNERSHIP CERTIFICATION

(14) CITY: _____

(15) COUNTY: _____ SS: _____

(16) STATE: _____

On this day of (17) _____, personally appeared before me residing at (18) _____, personally known or sufficiently identified to me, who certifies that (is) (are) the individual(s) who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledge it to be free act and deed.

(19) _____
(Notary Public)

CORPORATE CERTIFICATION

(To be made by an officer of other than the one who executes the power of attorney)

(20) CITY: _____

(21) COUNTY: _____ SS: _____

(22) STATE: _____

I, (23) [Name] _____, certify that I am the (24) [Title] _____ of

(25) [Grantor] _____, organized under the laws of the State of (26) _____ that

(27) [Name of signer of POA] _____, who signed this power of attorney on behalf of the grantor, is the (28) [Title] _____

of the said corporation, and that said power of attorney was duly signed, and attested for and in behalf of said corporation by authority of its governing body as the same appears in a resolution of the Board of Directors now in my possession or custody. I further certify that the resolution is in accordance with the articles of incorporation and bylaws of said corporation and was executed in accordance with the laws of the State or Country of Incorporation.

(29) _____
(Signature)

(30) _____
(Date)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

These terms and conditions of service constitute a legally binding contract between the "Company" and the "Customer". In the event the Company renders services and issues a document containing Terms and Conditions governing such services, the Terms and Conditions set forth in such other document(s) shall govern those services.

1. Definitions.

- (a) "Company" shall mean Dimerco Customs Brokerage Services Co. Ltd. d/b/a Dimerco, its subsidiaries, related companies, agents and/or representatives;
- (b) "Customer" shall mean the person for which the Company is rendering service, as well as its agents and/or representatives, including, but not limited to, shippers, importers, exporters, carriers, secured parties, warehousemen, buyers and/or sellers, shipper's agents, insurers and underwriters, break-bulk agents, consignees, etc. **It is the responsibility of the Customer to provide notice and copy(s) of these terms and conditions of service to all such agents or representatives;**
- (c) "Documentation" shall mean all information received directly or indirectly from Customer, whether in paper or electronic form;
- (d) "Ocean Transportation Intermediaries" ("OTI") shall include an "ocean freight forwarder" and a "non-vessel operating carrier";
- (e) "Third parties" shall include, but not be limited to, the following: "carriers, truckmen, cartmen, lightermen, forwarders, OTIs, customs brokers, agents, warehousemen and others to which the goods are entrusted for transportation, cartage, handling and/or delivery and/or storage or otherwise";
- (f) These terms and conditions of service constitute a legally binding contract between the "Company" and the "Customer". In the event the Company renders services and issues a document containing Terms and Conditions governing such services, the Terms and Conditions set forth in such other document(s) shall govern those services to the extent they conflict with these terms and conditions. Otherwise, both sets of terms and conditions shall apply.

2. Company as Agent. The Company acts as the "agent" of the Customer for the purpose of performing duties in connection with the entry and release of goods, post entry services, the securing of export licenses, the filing of export and security documentation on behalf of the Customer and other dealings with Government Agencies, or for arranging for transportation services or other logistics services in any capacity other than as a carrier.

3. Limitation of Actions.

- (a) Unless subject to a specific statute or international convention, all claims against the Company for a potential or actual loss, must be made in writing and received by the Company, within ninety (90) days of the event giving rise to claim; the failure to give the Company timely notice shall be a complete defense to any suit or action commenced by Customer;
- (b) All suits against Company must be filed and properly served on Company as follows:
 - (i) For claims arising out of ocean transportation, within one (1) year from the date of the loss;
 - (ii) For claims arising out of air transportation, within two (2) years from the date of the loss;
 - (iii) For claims arising out of the preparation and/or submission of an import entry(s), within seventy-five (75) days from the date of liquidation of the entry(s);
 - (iv) For any and all other claims of any other type, within two (2) years from the date of the loss or damage.

4. No Liability for the Selection or Services of Third Parties and/or Routes. Unless services are performed by persons or firms engaged pursuant to express written instructions from the Customer, Company shall use reasonable care in its selection of third parties, or in selecting the means, route and procedure to be followed in the handling, transportation, clearance and delivery of the shipment; advice by the Company that a particular person or firm has been selected to render services with respect to the goods, shall not be construed to mean that the Company warrants or represents that such person or firm will render such services nor does Company assume responsibility or liability for any actions(s) and/or inaction(s) of such third parties and/or its agents, and shall not be liable for any delay or loss of any kind, which occurs while a shipment is in the custody or control of a third party or the agent of a third party; all claims in connection with the Act of a third party shall be brought solely against such party and/or its agents; in connection with any such claim, the Company shall reasonably cooperate with the Customer, which shall be liable for any charges or costs incurred by the Company.

5. Quotations Not Binding. Quotations as to fees, rates of duty, freight charges, insurance premiums or other charges given by the Company to the Customer are for informational purposes only and are subject to change without notice; no quotation shall be binding upon the Company unless the Company in writing agrees to undertake the handling or transportation of the shipment at a specific rate or amount set forth in the quotation and payment arrangements are agreed to between the Company and the Customer.

6. Reliance On Information Furnished.

- (a) Customer acknowledges that it is required to review all documents and declarations prepared and/or filed with the Customs Service, other Government Agency and/or third parties, and will immediately advise the Company of any errors, discrepancies, incorrect statements or omissions on any declaration filed on Customer's behalf;
- (b) In preparing and submitting customs entries, export declarations, applications, documentation and/or export data to the United States and/or a third party, the Company relies on the correctness of all documentation, whether in written or electronic format, and all information furnished by Customer; Customer shall use reasonable care to insure the correctness of all such information and shall indemnify and hold the Company harmless from any and all claims asserted and/or liability or losses suffered by reason of the Customer's failure to disclose information or any incorrect or false statement by the Customer upon which the Company reasonably relied. The Customer agrees that the Customer has an affirmative non-delegable duty to disclose any and all information required to import, export or enter the goods.

7. Declaring Higher Value to Third Parties. Third parties to whom the goods are entrusted may limit liability for loss or damage; the Company will request excess valuation coverage only upon specific written instructions from the Customer, which must agree to pay any charges therefore; in the absence of written instructions or the refusal of the third party to agree to a higher declared value, at Company's discretion, the goods may be tendered to the third party, subject to the terms of the third party's limitations of liability and/or terms and conditions of service.

8. Insurance. Unless requested to do so in writing and confirmed to Customer in writing, Company is under no obligation to procure insurance on Customer's behalf; in all cases, Customer shall pay all premiums and costs in connection with procuring requested insurance.

9. Disclaimers; Limitation of Liability.

- (a) Except as specifically set forth herein, Company makes no express or implied warranties in connection with its services;
- (b) Subject to (c) below, Customer agrees that in connection with any and all services performed by the Company, the Company shall only be liable for its negligent acts, which are the direct and proximate cause of any injury to Customer, including loss or damage to Customer's goods, and the Company shall in no event be liable for the acts of third parties;
- (c) In connection with all services performed by the Company, Customer may obtain additional liability coverage, up to the actual or declared value of the shipment or transaction, by requesting such coverage and agreeing to make payment therefore, which request must be confirmed in writing by the Company prior to rendering services for the covered transaction(s);
- (d) In the absence of additional coverage under (b) above, the Company's liability shall be limited to the following:
 - (i) Where the claim arises from activities other than those relating to customs brokerage, \$50.00 per shipment or transaction, or
 - (ii) Where the claim arises from activities relating to "Customs business", \$50.00 per entry or the amount of brokerage fees paid to Company for the entry, whichever is less;
- (e) In no event shall Company be liable or responsible for consequential, indirect, incidental, statutory or punitive damages even if it has been put on notice of the possibility of such damages.

10. Advancing Money. All charges must be paid by Customer in advance unless the Company agrees in writing to extend credit to customer; the granting of credit to a Customer in connection with a particular transaction shall not be considered a waiver of this provision by the Company.

11. Indemnification/Hold Harmless. The Customer agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the Company harmless from any claims and/or liability arising from the importation or exportation of Customer's merchandise and/or any conduct of the Customer, which violates any Federal, State and/or other laws, and further agrees to indemnify and hold the Company harmless against any and all liability, loss, damages, costs, claims and/or expenses, including but not limited to reasonable attorney's fees, which the Company may hereafter incur, suffer or be required to pay by reason of such claims; in the event that any claim, suit or proceeding is brought against the Company, it shall give notice in writing to the Customer by mail at its address on file with the Company.

12. C.O.D. or Cash Collect Shipments. Company shall use reasonable care regarding written instructions relating to "Cash/Collect" on "Deliver (C.O.D.)" shipments, bank drafts, cashier's and/or certified checks, letter(s) of credit and other similar payment documents and/or instructions regarding collection of monies but shall have no liability if the bank or consignee refuses to pay for the shipment.

13. Costs of Collection. In any dispute involving monies owed to Company, the Company shall be entitled to all costs of collection, including reasonable attorney's fees and interest at 18% per annum or the highest rate allowed by law, whichever is less, unless a lower amount is agreed to by Company.

14. General Lien and Right to Sell Customer's Property.

- (a) Company shall have a general and continuing lien on any and all property of Customer coming into Company's actual or constructive possession or control for monies owed to Company with regard to the shipment on which the lien is claimed, a prior shipment(s) and/or both;
- (b) Company shall provide written notice to Customer of its intent to exercise such lien, the exact amount of monies due and owing, as well as any ongoing storage or other charges; Customer shall notify all parties having an interest in its shipment(s) of Company's rights and/or the exercise of such lien;
- (c) Unless, within thirty (30) days of receiving notice of lien, Customer posts cash or letter of credit at sight, or, if the amount due is in dispute, an acceptable bond equal to 110% of the value of the total amount due, in favor of Company, guaranteeing payment of the monies owed, plus all storage charges accrued or to be accrued, Company shall have the right to sell such shipment(s) at public or private sale or auction and any net proceeds remaining thereafter shall be refunded to Customer.

15. No Duty to Maintain Records for Customer. Customer acknowledges that pursuant to Sections 508 and 509 of the Tariff Act, as amended, (19 USC §1508 and 1509) it has the duty and is solely liable for maintaining all records required under the Customs and/or other Laws and Regulations of the United States; unless otherwise agreed to in writing, the Company shall only keep such records that it is required to maintain by Statute(s) and/or Regulation(s), but not act as a "recordkeeper" or "recordkeeping agent" for Customer.

16. Obtaining Binding Rulings, Filing Protests, etc. Unless requested by Customer in writing and agreed to by Company in writing, Company shall be under no obligation to undertake any pre or post Customs release action, including, but not limited to, obtaining binding rulings, advising of liquidations, filing of petition(s) and/or protests, etc.

17. Preparation and Issuance of Bills of Lading. Where Company prepares and/or issues a bill of lading, Company shall be under no obligation to specify thereon the number of pieces, packages and/or cartons, etc.; unless specifically requested to do so in writing by Customer or its agent and Customer agrees to pay for same, Company shall rely upon and use the cargo weight supplied by Customer.

18. No Modification or Amendment Unless Written. These terms and conditions of service may only be modified, altered or amended in writing signed by both Customer and Company; any attempt to unilaterally modify, alter or amend same shall be null and void.

19. Compensation of Company. The compensation of the Company for its services shall be included with and is in addition to the rates and charges of all carriers and other agencies selected by the Company to transport and deal with the goods and such compensation shall be exclusive of any brokerage, commissions, dividends or other revenue received by the Company from carriers, insurers and others in connection with the shipment. On ocean exports, upon request, the Company shall provide a detailed breakout of the components of all charges assessed and a true copy of each pertinent document relating to these charges. In any referral for collection or action against the Customer for monies due the Company, upon recovery by the Company, the Customer shall pay the expenses of collection and/or litigation, including a reasonable attorney fee. Upon request, the Company shall provide a detailed breakdown of the components of all charges assessed and a true copy of each pertinent document relating to these charges.

20. Severability. In the event any Paragraph(s) and/or portion(s) hereof is found to be invalid and/or unenforceable, then in such event the remainder hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

21. Governing Law; Consent to Jurisdiction and Venue. These terms and conditions of service and the relationship of the parties shall be construed according to the laws of the State of Illinois, without giving consideration to principals of conflicts of law. Customer and Company:

- (a) Irrevocably consent to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and to the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois;
- (b) Agree that any action relating to the services performed by Company shall only be brought in said courts;
- (c) Consent to the exercise of *in personam* jurisdiction by said courts over it;
- (d) Agree that any action to enforce a judgment may be instituted in any jurisdiction; and
- (e) Further agree that if the Company prevails in an action under these Terms and Conditions of Service, Customer shall pay reasonable attorney's fees and costs or/and in cases where monetary damages are awarded, Customer agrees to pay costs and fees in the amount of 25% of all sums recovered.

22. Anti-Repate Prohibition. The Company has a policy against payment, solicitation or receipt of any rebate, directly or indirectly, which would be unlawful under the United States Shipping Act of 1984.

23. Importer Liability for Customs Charges. If the Customer is the importer of record, payment to the broker will not relieve the Customer of liability for Customs charges (duties, taxes or other debts owed Customs) in the event the charges are not paid by the broker. Therefore, if the Customer pays by check, Customs may be paid with a separate check payable to "U.S. Customs and Border Protection" which shall be delivered to Customs by the broker.

Validating the Power of Attorney

(based on: CBP website dated 09/04/2009 at
http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/trade_programs/broker/validating_poa.xml)
(based on: NY CBP Pipeline No. 08-003-NYFO dated 05/05/2008)

Because the Power of Attorney (POA) can authorize the movement of conveyances and merchandise into the United States, it is critical that it be examined carefully. By ensuring that each POA is valid, the broker joins U.S. Customs and Border Protection on the national security frontlines in verifying the data used to screen what enters this country.

In addition to security, the broker's own professional business interests and continuing obligation to demonstrate "reasonable care" require verification of the POA grantor's identity and legal authority (position in a company or partnership) to enter into a POA.

As per Customs Regulation 19 CFR 141.46, brokers are required to obtain a POA from their clients before transacting "Customs business" on their behalf. Ensuring that each POA is valid is the responsibility of the Customs broker.

The following are several suggested approaches the broker might utilize to validate a POA:

- To the greatest extent possible, have POAs completed in person so the grantor's personal identification (driver's license, passport, etc.) can be reviewed.
- Check applicable Web sites to verify the POA grantor's business and registration with State authorities.
- If the principal uses a trade or fictitious name in doing business, confirm that the name appears on the POA.
- Verify that the importer's name, importer number and Employer Identification Number (also known as the Federal Tax Identification Number) on the POA match what is in ACS.
- Check whether the POA grantor is named as a sanctioned or restricted person or entity by the U.S. Government. See the Bureau of Industry and Security's Export Enforcement page.
- Obtain and keep any of the following documents as proof:
IRS Notice with name and EIN number, SS-4, IRS Form 1040, or IRS Form 1120
- ***If the importer does not possess any documentation, the importer may call the IRS hotline at 800-829-0115 to request the importer's IRS Notice of EIN.***

CBP may seek to revoke or suspend an individual and/or corporate broker's license or initiate a broker penalty in the amount of \$30,000.00 for subsequent violation of this nature pursuant to Title 19 United States Code, Section 1641(b)(4) and/or the applicable CBP regulations.

Instructions for Completing the Power of Attorney

1. For U.S. companies: indicate your corporate IRS # or Social Security #.
For Foreign companies: indicate your CBP-assigned number if available.
List your ACH Payer Unit # and/or C-TPAT # if applicable.
 2. Check the appropriate box to indicate your company status:
 - Individual: State person's name on #3
 - Partnership: Indicate full name of each partner and partnership name on #3
 - Corporation: Indicate full legal company name on #3
 - Sole Proprietorship: Indicate full name of individual or company on #3
 - Limited Liability Company: Indicate full legal company name on #3
 3. Enter the full name of your company.
 4. If you are conducting business under another name other than #3, enter the other business name.
 5. For Corporations only: indicate the state, province or country under whose laws you operate.
 6. Enter the official physical address of the company's home office or the individual's home address
 7. Enter the expiration date of the POA.
The default is "Revoked"; the POA remains in effect until we receive a written revocation request.
Or enter a specific expiration date; it must be at least a year later than the effective date (#12).
For Partnerships, the POA will expire 2 years from the effective date (#12) regardless of the date specified here.
 8. Enter the full name of your company (same as #3).
 9. The authorized individual to issue the POA must sign here.
 10. Enter the printed name of the authorized individual from #9.
 11. Enter the official title of the authorized individual from #9.
For a corporation, the authorized individual must be a corporate officer (i.e. President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer).
 12. Enter the effective date of the POA.
 13. Enter the name and signature of the witness.
Not applicable unless specifically required by your state/provincial/federal government.
 - 14-19. Not applicable unless specifically required by your state/provincial/federal government.
- Note: Only foreign/non-resident corporations must complete the corporate certification section (#20-30)**
- 20-22. Not applicable unless specifically required by your state/provincial/federal government.
 23. Enter the name of the individual officer executing the corporate certification (different individual from #9-11).
 24. Enter the official title of the individual officer from #23 (different individual from #9-11).
 25. Enter the name of the corporation (same as #3).
 26. Indicate the state, province or country under whose laws your company operates.
 27. Enter the name of the individual that signed the POA (same as #9-11).
 28. Enter the official title of the individual from #27 (same as #9-11).
 29. The officer executing the corporate certification listed on #23 must sign here.
 30. Enter the signature date.

*** ALL SPACES MUST BE FILLED IN UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED ***