

**CUSTOMS POWER OF ATTORNEY/  
DESIGNATION AS EXPORT FORWARDING AGENT  
and  
Acknowledgement of Terms and Conditions**

(Revised 06/30/00)

**S/S, or customs-assigned number:**

**IRS #** \_\_\_\_\_

√ appropriate box:  Individual  
 Partnership  
 Corporation  
 Sole Proprietorship  
 Limited Liability Company

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That, √ \_\_\_\_\_ doing  
(Full name of individual, partnership, or corporation, or sole proprietorship, or limited liability company) (Identify)

business as √ \_\_\_\_\_ under the law of the State of √ \_\_\_\_\_,

residing or having a principal place of business at √ \_\_\_\_\_, hereby constitutes and

appoints √ **W. R. Zanes & Co. of La., Inc.**, 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 the United States (the "territory") either in writing, electronically, or by other authorized means, to:

Make, endorse, sign, declare, or swear to any entry, withdrawal, declaration, certificate, bill of lading, or any other document 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 and collect drawback, and to make, sign, declare, or swear to any statement or certificate required by law of 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, consignee's and owner's declarations provided for the section 485, Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, or affidavits 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;

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; where grantee is employed by unlicensed person other than the importer, grantor waives receipt of copy of entry and grantee's bill for services rendered, unless instructed otherwise in writing by grantor;

And generally to transact Customs business, including filing of claims or protests under section 514 of the Tariff Act of 1930, or pursuant to other laws 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;

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 revocation in writing is duly given to 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 dates of its execution);

Appointment as Forwarding Agent: Grantor authorizes the above Grantee to act within the territory as lawful agent and sign or endorse export documents (i.e., commercial invoices, bill of lading, insurance certificates, drafts and any other document) necessary for the completion of an export on grantor's behalf as may be required under law and regulation in the territory and to appoint forwarding agents on grantor's behalf;

Grantor acknowledges acceptance of grantee's Terms and Conditions of Service governing all transactions between the Parties. 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said √ \_\_\_\_\_

caused these presents to be sealed and signed: (Signature) √ \_\_\_\_\_

(Capacity) √ \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS: (if required) \_\_\_\_\_

If you are the importer of record, payment to the broker will not relieve you 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 you pay by check, Customs charges may be paid with a separate check payable to "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**

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTY** \_\_\_\_\_ **SS:**

**STATE** \_\_\_\_\_

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_, personally appeared before me \_\_\_\_\_

residing at \_\_\_\_\_, 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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public)

**CORPORATE CERTIFICATION**

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

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that I am the \_\_\_\_\_

of \_\_\_\_\_, organized under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_

that \_\_\_\_\_, who signed this power of attorney on behalf of the donor, is the \_\_\_\_\_

of 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 passed at a regular meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said corporation, at the City of \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of

\_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

If the corporation has no corporate seal, the fact shall be stated, in which case a scroll or adhesive shall appear in the appropriate, designated place.

Customs powers of attorney of residents (including resident corporations) shall be without power of substitution except for the purpose of executing shipper's export declarations. However, a power of attorney executed in favor of a licensed customhouse broker may specify that the power of attorney is granted to the customhouse broker to act through any of its licensed officers or any employee specifically authorized to act for such customhouse broker by power of attorney.

**\*NOTE: The corporate seal may be omitted. Customs does not require completion of a certification. The grantor has the option of executing the certification or omitting it.**

## 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 W. R. Zanes & Co. of La., Inc., 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 common carrier;"
  - (e) "Third parties" shall include, but not be limited to, the following: "carriers, truckmen, cartmen, lightermen, forwarders, OTI's, customs brokers, agents, warehousemen and others to which the goods are entrusted for transportation, cartage, handling and/or delivery and/or storage or otherwise."
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 documentation on behalf of the Customer and other dealings with Government Agencies; as to all other services, Company acts as an independent contractor.
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 those claims arising from 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 action(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.** Quotation 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 Customers 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 any incorrect or false statement upon which the Company reasonably relied.
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 therefor; 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 (d) 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 therefor, 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 (c) 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 fee and interest at 15% 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 on-going 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 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 use the 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 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.
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 State of Louisiana, without giving consideration to principals of conflict of law. Customer and Company (a) irrevocably consent to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court and the State courts of Louisiana; (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, and (d) further agree that any action to enforce a judgment may be instituted in any jurisdiction.



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Please read these instructions **BEFORE** you complete the enclosed Customs Power of Attorney

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- 1) If you are a corporation, the power of attorney must be completed by an officer. Use complete legal name.
- 2) If you are an individual owner, give full legal name of company. The name must be complete; abbreviations should be avoided. If you are not operating under your name, state "John Doe D/B/A \_\_\_\_\_", etc.
- 3) If you are a partnership, the full name of each of the general partners should be shown. If there is insufficient room, then an attachment must be made to the power of attorney form. In the case of a limited partnership, only the names of the general partners must be listed.
- 4) Partnerships and individual owners must bear signature of two witnesses.
- 5) Your I.R.S. number and/or social security number must be shown at the top of the power of attorney card.
- 6) Completion of the certification on the back of the power of attorney is optional for a domestic corporation. All foreign entities must complete the certification on the back of the form. The seal of the corporation is optional.
- 7) The capacity of the person executing power of attorney must be shown (I.E., president, comptroller, owner.)
- 8) Date power of attorney. (Note: Power of attorney from partnerships are only good for a two-year period from the date on the power of attorney.)
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## U.S. CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT - MOD ACT

When the Customs Modernization Act was implemented, it changed the way importers had to do business. Responsibilities, heretofore, that were Customs', by law, were placed on the importer. Determining the proper value, classification and duty rates, along with other government agency requirements when filing entries, is now the obligation of the importer. As such, the importer must use what Customs refers to as "reasonable care" in entering merchandise, by providing such information as is necessary to enable Customs, to determine whether the imported product can be released from their custody and to determine whether all other requirements of governing laws are met.

While Customs is reviewing fewer importations at the time of importation, they are relying on records relating to the importation to verify compliance after the fact through audits. It is the obligation of the importer to make, keep and make available for examination, all records pertaining to the import shipment. Some such records are correspondence between buyer and seller, copies of purchase orders and confirmations, invoice and payment records, shipping documents, customs entries, and any other government documents relating thereto. Both paper and/or electronic records are included.

The Customs web site is [www.cbp.gov](http://www.cbp.gov). This is a very helpful source of information for giving guidance to importers regarding Customs policies, procedures and other information to assist the public to be in compliance. Should you have questions or require assistance regarding the information contained in this notice, please contact any of our management personnel listed on our web page at [www.wrzanes.com](http://www.wrzanes.com).

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**CUSTOMS HAS REQUESTED WE ADVISE YOU OF THE FOLLOWING, IN THE INTEREST OF MINIMIZING SECURITY THREATS UNDER OUR CUSTOMS BROKERAGE C-TPAT PROGRAM. YOU SHOULD EXPLORE THE BENEFITS OF C-TPAT FOR YOUR INTERNATIONAL TRADE OPERATIONS.**

**Container Security - OCEAN**

You should ask your carriers or consolidators to ensure that all contracted service providers have procedures in place to maintain container integrity. Container integrity must be maintained to protect against the introduction of unauthorized material and/or persons. At point of stuffing, procedures must be in place to properly seal and maintain the integrity of the shipping containers. A high security seal must be affixed to all loaded C-TPAT importer containers bound for the U.S. All seals must meet or exceed the current ISO 17712:2010 standards for high security seals.

**Container Inspection**

Procedures must be in place to verify the physical integrity of the container structure prior to stuffing, to include the reliability of the locking mechanisms of the doors. A seven-point inspection process is recommended for all containers:

- Front wall
- Left side
- Right side
- Ceiling/Roof
- Inside/Outside doors
- Outside/Undercarriage

**Container Seals**

Your carriers' and consolidators' written procedures must stipulate how seals are to be controlled and affixed to loaded containers. Their procedures must be in place for recognizing and reporting compromised seals and/or containers to U.S. Customs and Border Protection or the appropriate foreign authority. Only designated employees should distribute container seals for integrity purposes.

**Container Storage**

Your carriers' and consolidators' containers must be stored in a secure area to prevent unauthorized access and/or manipulation. Procedures must be in place for reporting and neutralizing unauthorized entry into containers or container storage areas.

**Container and Trailer, Inspection**

Procedures should be in place to verify the physical integrity of the trailer structure prior to stuffing, to include the reliability of the locking mechanisms of the doors.

**17 Point Tractor and Trailer Inspection**

- Bumper
- Engine
- Tires (truck & trailer)
- Floor
- Fuel tanks
- Cab / storage compartments
- Air Tanks
- Drive Shafts
- Fifth Wheel
- Outside / Undercarriage
- Floor
- Inside / Outside Doors
- Side Walls
- Ceiling / Roof
- Front Wall
- Refrigerated Unit
- Exhaust

## **Container Security - AIR**

Your airlines' or air consolidators' cargo container integrity must be maintained to protect against the introduction of unauthorized material and/or persons. At point of stuffing, their procedures must be in place to verify cargo containers are properly secured.

### **Container Inspection**

Airlines and air consolidators procedures must be in place to verify the physical integrity of the cargo containers prior to stuffing. An inspection process is recommended for all containers:

- Top
- Bottom
- Inside
- Outside

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