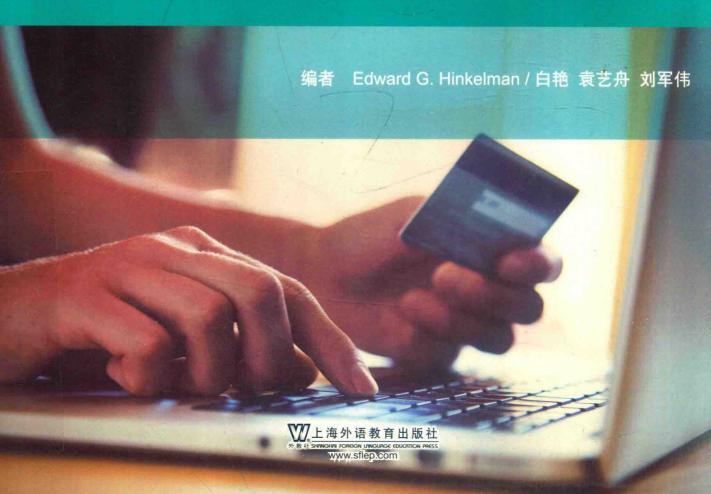
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The past 15 years have seen a dramatic fall in trade barriers, the globalization of markets, and a huge growth in international trade. Companies of all sizes are seeking to take advantage of the opportunities in this new world economy.

International transactions, however, add an additional layer of risk for buyers and sellers familiar only with doing business in their domestic markets. Currency regulations, foreign exchange risk, political, economic, or social upheaval in the buyer's or seller's country, questions of payment, and different business customs may all contribute to uncertainty. Ultimately, sellers want to get paid and buyers want to get what they pay for. Choosing the right payment method can be the key to a transaction's feasibility and profitability.

This book is designed to help both buyers and sellers learn about international payment options. The relative merits of the four most common types of payments are explained, and the two most common options — documentary collections and documentary letters of credit — are featured. This book also contains chapters on cyberpayments, Incoterms 2000, a comprehensive glossary, and a section devoted to documents used in international transactions.

To learn more about payment methods read one or more of the publications listed in the resources chapter and consult with the international trade finance department of your bank.

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# Key Issues in International Payments

# 国际支付中的几个主要问题



THERE ARE SEVERAL broad issues that affect what payment method will ultimately be used in an international transaction. Every participant in the transaction must consider these issues, though they will affect each differently and to a different degree.

Even after these broader issues are resolved, questions will continue to be raised throughout the transaction. Therefore, careful consideration of these issues can make a transaction go smoother, keep costs to a minimum, and ensure timely and efficient delivery and distribution of goods.

#### Who Bears the Credit Risk?

In almost all business transactions the buyer would prefer to obtain easy, extended, and inexpensive (preferably free!) credit terms. Credit gives the commercial buyer the opportunity to resell the goods before having to pay for them. In many instances, the buyer will have a market for goods but not possess sufficient working capital to make an outright purchase and payment prior to their resale. Credit makes many such transactions possible.

At the same time, the seller has a different set of priorities. Having paid for product development, raw materials, component parts, labor, and overhead, the seller needs to get his investment back. The seller may not know the buyer or may not trust that the buyer is financially stable enough to make payment at a future date. International transactions are not as stable, secure, transparent, or reliable as domestic transactions and many things can happen between the time of the sale and the expected time of payment. For these and other reasons, the seller will always prefer to be paid immediately; either at delivery or even prior to delivery.

# 学习指南

本章主要探讨国 际贸易中买卖双方 支付方法选择时需 要考虑的几个关键 问题。例如,国际支 付中的信用风险、交 易费用的承担、支付 货币的选择、交易过 程中政治和法律风 险、运输成本及风险 等。虽然这些国际 支付中的宏观问题 解决后,实际操作中 依然存在许多具体 问题,但对于以上问 题的重视和了解能 够从一定程度上确 保交易的顺畅进行, 降低交易成本,有效 确保交易完成的时 效性。

## **Word Study**

credit risk一信用风 险:又称违约风险, 指借方无法履行到 期偿还货币本金的 承诺,而对贷方造成 的风险。

contract date— 定约日

- BUYER/IMPORTER: Prefers that the seller bear the credit risk and wants to make certain that he receives the goods once he has paid
- SELLER/EXPORTER: Prefers that the buyer bear the credit risk and wants to make certain he receives payment for goods shipped

## Who Finances the Transaction?

In an international transaction it may take from several weeks to several months for merchandise to find its way from the warehouse of the seller to the warehouse of the buyer. Goods must be prepared for export, trucked or sent by rail to the port, export cleared, shipped to another port, possibly transshipped to the final port, warehoused awaiting customs clearance, inspected, customs cleared, sent overland to the final destination, and finally inventoried at the buyer's warehouse. The seller has already made a substantial investment in manufacturing the product and doesn't feel that he should bear the brunt of the costs of financing.

The buyer, on the other hand, knows that it may be one or two months before he even sees the goods in his warehouse, another one or more months before he sells the goods, and another one or several months before he gets paid from his customers. Why should he pay for goods or pay for the financing of goods he doesn't even have in his warehouse?

Although both buyer and seller would wish that the other party finance the transaction and pay for the costs of financing, the realities are that both buyer and seller typically need to compromise somewhat in order to make the transaction happen.

- BUYER/IMPORTER: Needs funds for payment and during the period before resale of goods, and prefers that the seller finance the transaction
- SELLER/EXPORTER: Needs funds for production and during the period before payment is received, and prefers that the buyer finance the transaction

# In What Currency Will Payment Be Made?

The currency specified for payment in a contract can have a significant effect upon the ultimate profitability of the transaction for either the buyer or seller. If the value of the specified currency appreciates between the contract date and payment date, it is a hardship for the buyer. If it depreciates, it is a benefit to the buyer.

In most instances, the specified currency of the transaction will be a "hard currency," such as the US dollar (US\$), the Swiss franc (SwF) or the Japanese yen ( $\S$ ).

In some instances, however, it will be impossible to conclude a transaction in anything other than a local, less stable currency. In these instances, it may be possible to "hedge" the foreign exchange risk. See "Hedging" in Chapter 4: Foreign Exchange Basics.

- BUYER/IMPORTER: Wants (typically) to make payment in own currency or in a currency that is expected to decrease in value between the date of the contract and date of the payment
- SELLER/EXPORTER: Wants (typically) to receive payment in own currency, a hard currency, or in a currency that is expected to increase in value between the date of the contract and date of the payment

# What Are the Political and Legal Risks?

The political environment in both the country of export and the country of import can have disastrous effects on international business transactions. Political instability can lead to changes in trade policy, restrictions on foreign transfers, restrictions on the importation or exportation of certain goods, changes in monetary policy leading to devaluation of the local currency, and riots or civil unrest causing loss or damage to merchandise potentially not covered by insurance, among other problems. Although political risks are generally outside the direct control of either trader, they can sometimes be predicted in the short term and managed to a degree.

Legal risks can also affect an international transaction and can only be managed through extreme diligence. Lack of comprehensive knowledge of legal issues can precipitate problems unimaginable in the local marketplace. These include unknown procedural restrictions, import regulations, and more.

EXAMPLE: A contract signed in a foreign country was ruled invalid because the trader was improperly in the country on a tourist visa.

EXAMPLE: A shipment of encyclopedias published in the United States languished in customs in Calcutta because a map of India showed the "de facto" border with Pakistan, indicating Pakistan's gains from a long-simmering border war, rather than the government approved map that indicates all the territory as part of India.

- BUYER/IMPORTER: Considers political risk to be minimal in part because he lives with it every day and understands it
- SELLER/EXPORTER: May consider political and legal risks to be significant, especially if the country appears to be unstable by his own standards

## **Word Study**

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insurable interest— 可保权益:指保险利 益货物遇险时,索赔 人要对货物具备可 保权益,即货物损失 与索赔人之间存在 利害关系。

# Who Will Bear Transportation Costs and Risks?

Who pays for transportation and who assumes the risk if goods are damaged or lost in shipment is also a major issue in international transactions. This is especially true in transactions involving high-value or perishable goods and unusual destinations. Both the cost and risk increase as goods are shipped to remote locations or transshipped or handled over and over again.

The seller probably feels that his quoted price is excellent and that it is the problem of the buyer to get the goods to the buyer's home country market.

The buyer, on the other hand, doesn't think in terms of the sale price in the country of origin, he thinks in terms of the landed cost in his own market. If the goods are heavy or bulky and are shipped from Chicago, in the United States, and are going to Uzbekistan, the transportation and insurance costs will be high.

Even if the buyer agrees to handle insurance coverage, the seller may have "insurable interest" in the goods, especially if they have not yet been paid for.

Timeliness may also be an issue of risk as some goods are time-sensitive.

EXAMPLE: Christmas merchandise needs to be on the shelves no later than early November. This generally means that it needs to be received by distributors and wholesalers by no later than mid-October. If the goods arrive on the dock in early December the selling season has been lost.

- BUYER/IMPORTER: Wants (typically) the seller to bear the transportation and insurance costs and to have the goods delivered to a local, home-country delivery point where ownership is assumed
- SELLER/EXPORTER: Wants (typically) the buyer to bear the transportation and insurance costs and to deliver the goods and transfer ownership at his own warehouse or at a local port

# What Are the Costs of Each Method of Financing and Payment?

Every moment the goods are not paid for costs the seller money in financing, while every moment the goods are not resold in the end market costs the buyer money in financing. Who assumes responsibility for the goods at what point in the transaction will affect the availability and terms of financing.

Each method of financing and transfer of payment has a greater or lesser risk for the buyer, the seller and the banks involved. Costs are

#### Word Study

advance payment 预付款: 指贸易中收 到货物或服务之前 预先支付的款项, 预 付款通常是卖方防 止买方收货后不付 款的保险条款。

confirmed letter of credit—保兑信用证: 指开证行开出的信用证,由另一银行保证对符合信用证条款规定的单据履行付款义务 对信用证加保兑的银行为保兑行(confirming bank) directly related to the risks and someone has to pay. The following chapters introduce the buyer and the seller, and then detail the various methods of international payment.

# **Special Cases**

- Multinational affiliates shipping raw materials or merchandise to each other will normally do so on open-account terms, although they might be hesitant to accept these payment terms from any other international customer.
- High-value or perishable goods normally require special payment arrangements, such as advance payment or inspection after arrival of the merchandise and before payment is made.
- Transactions in a developing country, which can be difficult though profitable, often require cash or confirmed letter of credit terms. To consider any other method of payment would probably be a mistake.
- In new trading relationships it often makes sense to start on more conservative terms and, after experience and greater familiarity, proceed to deal on more liberal terms.

# Information Link 知识链接

## 国际支付的特征

首先,国际支付产生的原因是国际经济活动引起的债权债务关系。国际经 济活动包括贸易活动与非贸易活动。国际贸易活动指国际贸易中的不同当事 人之间的货物、技术或服务的交换,如货款、运输费用、各类佣金、保险费、技术 费。非国际贸易活动是指除贸易活动以外的各类国际行为,如国际投资、国际 借贷、国际各类文化艺术等活动。其次,国际支付的主体是国际经济活动中的 当事人。国际经济活动中的当事人含义依据不同的活动而定。如在货物买卖 中, 当事人是指双方营业地处在不同国家的人, 且有银行参与。再次, 国际支付 是以一定的工具进行支付的。国际支付的工具一般为货币与票据。一方面,由 于国际支付当事人一般是跨国之间的自然人、法人,而各国所使用的货币不同, 这就涉及货币的选择、外汇的使用,以及相关外汇汇率变动带来的风险问题;另 一方面,为了避免直接运送大量货币引起的各种风险和不便,就涉及票据的使 用问题,与此相关的是各国有关票据流转的一系列复杂的法律问题。最后,国 际支付是以一定的方式来进行的。在国际贸易中,买卖双方通常互不信任,他 们从自身利益考虑, 总是力求在货款收付方面能得到较大的安全保障, 尽量避 免遭受钱货两空的损失,并想在资金周转方面得到某种融通。这就涉及如何根 据不同情况,采用国际上长期形成的汇付、托收、信用证及国际保理等不同的支 付方式,从而处理好货款收付中的安全保障和资金融通问题。

# Running I Workbook Workshops 巩固练习

A. Translate the terms into Chinese and then find their corresponding definitions.

Terms	Chinese Translation	Definitions
1) Advance payment		A. It is an investor's risk of los arising from a borrower who does not make payments a promised.
2) Confirmed letter of credit		B. The price at which the las trade of a particular securit or commodity took place.
3) Credit risk		C. It is the process by which the monetary authority of country controls the supply of money, often targeting a rate of interest for the purpose of promoting economic growth and stability.
4) Hard currency		D. It is a type of risk faced be investors, corporations, and governments. It is a risk that cat be understood and manage with reasoned foresight and investment.
5) Hedge		E. Any type of payment that i made ahead of its norma schedule.
6) Monetary policy		F. Letter of Credit in international trade guaranteed by a secon bank, in addition to the ban originally issuing the credit.
7) Political risk	8	G. In economics, it refers to globally traded currency that can serve as a reliable an stable store of value.
8) Quoted price		H. In finance, it is a position established in one market in a attempt to offset exposure the price changes or fluctuation in some opposite position with the goal of minimizing exposure to unwanted financing or other risks.

В.	Decide whether	each of the	following	statements	is true o	or false. Put a '	Γ
	at the end of the	statement if	f you think	t it is true a	nd put a	n F if you thin	k
	it is false.						

1)	Purchase and sale of goods and services are carried out beyond r	nationa	11
	boundaries, which makes it rather difficult for the parties concerne	d in th	le
	transaction to get adequate information about each other's financial s	tanding	g.
	Therefore, mutual trust is hard to build.	(	)

2)	The sellers	need	funds	for	production	and	during	the	period	before	pay	ment
	is received,	and 1	prefer	that	they financ	e the	transa	ction	1.		(	)

- 3) Both the buyers and the sellers prefer to make payments or receive payments in their own currency.
- 4) Legal risks can hardly affect an international transaction and can only be managed through extreme diligence.
- 5) On the part of the importer, there is the risk of delay in the shipment, and he might only receive them long after payment.

## **II** Discussion

This chapter introduces some basic issues in international payments. Both the exporter and the importer face risks in international transaction because there is always the possibility that the other party may not fulfill the contract. The following table shows us the key points of this chapter. Please fill in the table according to the text and discuss one or two aspects with your group members.

Key Points	Contradictions Between Buyers and Sellers
Who bears the credit risk	
Who finances the transaction	
Payment currency	
Political and legal risks	
Transportation costs and risks	