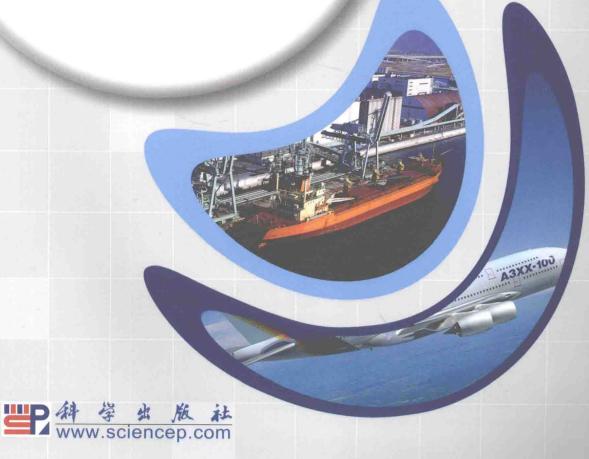


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本教材以报关业务为主线,以"适用、实用"为原则选取海关职能、贸易术语、租船订舱、询发盘以及进出口报关过程中所涉及的各类英文单证、发票、合同等内容,摒除了学科式的编写体例,按照职业教育的特点精心选用和组织国内外报关领域各类英语素材。本书在编写上虽独立成章、章内分节,但又章章相连、节节紧扣,构成一个有机整体。希望学生学习后能读懂有关英文单证、发票、合同,与外商进行简单对话交流,更好地掌握报关技能。

本书可作为高职高专、大专院校相关专业教学用书,也可作为相关从 业人员学习参考用书。

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前言

尽管2008年末世界遭遇金融危机,经济下行趋势明显,但是作为GDP世界排名第三位的中国仍然保持着9%的增长率,做出了对世界经济20%的贡献。随着我国外贸依存度的上升,进出口业务显得日益繁忙,报关作为其中的一个重要环节,愈来愈受到国人的重视,全国报关员资格考试每年有数十万的考生即为明证。

报关并非简单的向海关官员递单送审。一名成熟的、富有经验的报关从业者应当 热爱报关工作,具有相当强的商品鉴别与归类能力,能够熟悉并合理运用海规海法, 与相关人员良好沟通,同时掌握一定程度的英语。对高职高专学生而言,学习报关英 语即为读懂有关英文单证、发票、合同,与外商进行简单的对话交流,这是本书出版 的目的。

本书摒除了学科式的编写体例,在标题的设计、内容章节的安排和课后习题的编写方面设计情景,以行动为导向,注重结合职业教育的特点,力争为职业教育奉献精品。

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throughout the country in the enforcement of the "Customs Law" and related state policies and regulations, and in the promotion and protection of socialist modernization.

3. The main functions of the Customs General Administration

- 1) To administer organizations, staffing, vocational training and appointments and removals of directors of Customs offices throughout the country; and to exercise leadership in Customs schools and colleges.
- 2) To organize the work of research and development, introduction and management of Customs technological facilities.
- 3) To administer audit and supervise all Customs financial affairs, equipments, fixed assets and capital construction.
- 4) To strengthen ties and co-operation and external exchanges with overseas Customs services, international Customs organizations and other international organizations concerned.
- 5) To draft and enact the policies and principles on Customs work to participate in drawing up and amending the Customs Import and Export Tariff; to enact other statutes on Customs operation; and to inspect, supervise and direct the enforcement of them by the Customs offices throughout the country.
 - 6) To participate in drafting international treaties and agreements on Customs affairs.
 - 7) To conduct the unified handling of tariff reductions and exemptions.
- 8) To organize and guide the preventive work of the Customs offices throughout the country.
- 9) To examine applications for reviewing disputes on duty payments and applications for reviewing customs decisions on penalties.
 - 10) Compile Customs statistics.

1.1.2 Customs Establishments

1. The introduction of Customs Establishments

The Customs Establishment is set up by State at ports opening to foreign countries and at places which call for concentrated Customs operation. With the development of China's external economy and trade, as well as China's further opening to the outside world, more and more Customs Establishments are set up. The Customs Establishments exercise their functions and powers independently in accordance with the law, and are responsible to the Customs General Administration.

2. The main task of the Customs Establishments

1) To collect Customs duties and other taxes and fees.

- 2) To exercise supervision and control over inward and outward goods and means of transport, passengers' luggage and personal postal articles.
 - 3) To compile Customs statistics and deal with other Customs matters.
 - 4) To prevent and counter smuggling.

1.2 Customs Officer and the Passengers' Baggage Examination

1.2.1 Appearance and Image

Wearing the smart, coordinated Customs uniforms, male and female Customs officers examine the declaration forms, check passengers and baggage and search hand baggage in the Customs Inspection Room. While on duty, Customs officer will be neat, clean and businesslike; uniforms must be free from tears, or other visible blemishes; the Customs badge and epaulets must be worn; black footwear will be kept clean; hairstyles will not interfere with the proper performance of duty, hair will be neat, clean and present a gloomed appearance; necklaces and jewelry shall not be worn by uniformed Customs officer. Mindful of their role in enforcement of Customs law, not only regarding Customs, but of China as well, Customs officers take great pride in their appearance.

A Customs officer meets hundreds of passengers in a workday. In each of these passengers' minds, the Customs officer is creating images of himself and the organization he represents. He is one of the first officers a passenger encounter upon arrival in China, and first impressions are a prime factor in moulding public opinion regarding the Chinese Customs and the Chinese Government.

The Customs officers must be knowledgeable law enforcement officers. They are intent on enforcing all the regulations regarding passengers and their baggage, while keeping to a minimum the inconvenience to honest passengers. Notwithstanding the apparent contradiction in philosophy between maximum enforcement and minimum inconvenience, the individual Customs officer, in his own personally developed inspectional style, can arrive at a workable balance between the two objectives.

The image of the Customs officer is enhanced by his appearance, style, courteous actions, conduct, and safety procedures; all are part of his responsibilities.

1.2.2 Friendly Attitude and Good Judgment

Most passengers understand the necessity for Customs inspections and will respond appropriately to your questions. Customs officers examine the passengers' baggage at a time when passengers may not be in the most positive frame of mind. At best they may simply be tired and eager to continue a journey home without undue delay. On the other hand, they may be attempting to smuggle or falsely declare purchases. In any event, tensions are often high. The Customs officer's attitude can be the factor which controls such potentially explosive situations. Through his attitude, the Customs officer can impress passengers with the authority and formality of the inspection procedure, while conveying sincere interest in and understanding of the passengers' problems. A Customs officer's friendly relaxed attitude can relieve the honest passengers' apprehensions and tensions, and generally have a calming effect. Of course, there will be instances, though few, when an officer will be required to assume a totally authoritarian posture.

A Customs officer has exceptionally broad authority to question passengers, search and detain or seize merchandise. The proper exercise of this authority requires the constant use of good judgment. Such authority must be zealously guarded against abuse.

The prudent law enforcement officer bases his actions upon knowledge gained from education, training, and experience in the law enforcement field. As a Customs officer, he will become more secure in making judgment as he better understands the law requires and how it is to be applied. In many instances where he is permitted some latitude in administering the law, a solid foundation in his enforcement job allows him to exercise this discretion with confidence, prudence and sensitivity.

1.2.3 Passenger Processing

Most Customs officers (Customs inspectors), particularly new Customs officers, spend the vast majority of their time processing passengers. Customs officers will be welcoming returning residents and visitors to China. A Customs officer must be aware of various control system and their patterns of operation to function effectively at the ports of entry. The more he knows about the Customs organization—its purpose, its principles, its program, its people—the better he will be able to relate to the individual passenger. Only a concise professional interview by the Customs officer on duty can effectively categorize the passenger who attempts to smuggle prohibited or restricted articles. The Customs officer's careful observation of passengers' demeanor, purported station in life, and reactions to questioning can provide a truly effective

screening system.

The Customs officer is required to courteously process the clearance of people and their baggage and, at the same time, apprehend those persons violating the Customs law and related laws. To accomplish these two goals, the Customs officer must be able to select persons who are likely to be violators for an intensive examination and to release others with a minimum examination. This selection process is based on a number of techniques and information sources.

1.2.4 Intelligence

Intelligence is information about an individual or a situation, which indicates the possibility that a violation may occur. The passengers' appearance, conduct and reaction to questioning contain vital information to aid in determining the extent of the examination required.

The attempt to inspect by exclusively targeting the latest methods of concealment has been almost futile. Concealment methods range from extremely thin false bottoms in luggage to liquefied narcotics, and to recent bizarre technique of planting cocaine under the clothes and in the diapers of innocent children. Intelligence bulletins are immediately issued to all airports and ports of entry as new methods of concealment are uncovered.

1.2.5 Questioning and Tact

Some people suffer from "Hoof-in-Mouth Disease". For them, there is an admonition, which reads, engages brain before opening mouth. Tact is that sense of knowing what to do or say in order to maintain good relations with others, or to avoid offense.

The inspectional procedure is filled with an overabundance of situations, in which the judicious use of tact can make the inspection less difficult, and minimize the probability of complaints from the passengers.

To build a foundation for passenger examination, the Customs will borrow a method long used in journalism. The method is referred to as "the 5Ws". Those five Ws are Who, Where, When, What and Why, not necessarily in that order. Sometimes, for good measure, how is thrown in. The accomplished Customs officer will adapt these five Ws to his questioning of the passenger so that he can stop questioning at any point and still have a good understanding of the passenger, his reasons for travel, and the probability of his carrying contraband.

In asking these questions, the Customs officer must ultimately be working towards a goal, determining whether or not there is a high likelihood that the passenger is carrying narcotics, undeclared merchandise, fraudulently invoiced merchandise, prohibited agricultural

products. Or if he is in violation of one of the many laws Customs is required to enforce. For this purpose, the Customs officer must develop geometric questioning; asking questions in such a manner that build one upon the other. Each question presupposed the prior answer, lending a continuous thread to the questioning. Each question should test the fabric of the story and the answer must then be verified. What question to ask and how to verify the answer is the focal point of this discussion.

In baggage examination, the Customs officer (Customs inspector) acts with independence in processing each passenger. The Customs officer performs the specialized functions of other Customs positions as he examines, appraises, classifies and liquidates each baggage declaration.

The Customs officer examines the merchandise. He determines whether the declared value is accurate for Customs purpose. He decides within the classification the item falls. He figures the duty and sees that the proper amount is collected. The Customs office is required to function with proficiency, performing the job normally performed be specialized Customs personnel. Enforcement and protection of the revenue play a key role in the Customs office's routine functions. However, it is the courteous and professional manner that is exhibited in carrying out these functions (not simply seizures), which ensures a totally successful examination and inspection operation.

Today's Customs officer is faced with an ever-changing complex working environment. Over the last decade, the Customs General Administration has been trying to provide the best training and equipment required to accomplish the sublime mission. The Customs officers have the utmost confidence that they will project the image of professional civil servants while, simultaneously, defending the country's borders against economic and social dangers.

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Words and Expressions

tariff		n.	关税,关税率
supervision	•	n.	监督
item	•	n.	物品,项目
territory	į	n.	领土
statistics	i	n.	统计,统计数字
financial	•	adj.	财政的,金融的
enforcement	i	n.	执行,管理
workload	ī	n.	工作,工作荷载

assist 帮助 ν. draft 起草,设计 ν. enact 制定,颁布 v.t.amend 修正,改正 ν. statute 法规, 法令 n. image 形象, 印象, 意象 n. coordinated adi. 形式相同的, 同等的 declaration=declaration form 申报单、申报 n. businesslike adj. 正经的, 认真的, 实事求是的 blemish 污点,瑕疵,缺点 n. badge 徽章,标记 n. epaulet 肩章, 标记 n. interfere 妨碍,有害,干涉 ν. groom 梳理,修饰,打扮 ν. mould 塑造,成形 v. intent 决心的,专心的,一心一意的 adj. notwithstanding prep. (正式)尽管,虽然 enhance 提高,增加,增色 v. frame 精神状态,框架 n. undue 过分的, 不适当的 adj. potentially 潜在地,可能地 adv. explosive 易爆发的,易引起争论的 adj. impress ν. 使……去做,使(人)印象深刻 convey 表达, 传达, 传送 ν. apprehension 焦虑,忧虑,恐惧 n. assume 采用, 假装 ν. posture 姿态,态度 n. authoritarian 专横的,强制的,发号施令的 adj. exception 例外,特殊的事物 n. zealously 一心一意地, 热忱地 adv. 慎重的, 谨慎的 prudent adj. secure 有信心的, 有把握的, 可靠的 adj. latitude 自由,回旋余地,纬度 n. discretion 判断,斟酌,自行决定 n. process 验放,处理,检查 v.

categorize v. 分类,归类,分辨

demeanor n. 举止, 行为

apprehend v. 抓获,查获,逮捕

simultaneously adv. 同时地,同时发生

Notes Notes

1. Under the leadership of the State Council, to lead and organize Customs offices throughout the country in the enforcement of the "Customs Law" and related state policies and regulations, and in the promotion and protection of socialist modernization.

在国务院的领导下,领导和组织全国海关贯彻实施《海关法》和国家有关政策、行政法规,促进和保护社会主义现代化建设。

2. With the development of China's external economy and trade, as well as China's further opening to the outside world more and more Customs establishments are set up.

随着进一步对外开放以及中国对外经济贸易的发展,我国设立的海关越来越多。

3. Mindful of their role in enforcement of *Customs law*, not only regarding Customs, but of China as well, Customs officers take great pride in their appearance.

在作为执行《海关法》的角色中,海关官员应时刻牢记自己不仅是代表海关执法,而且也代表中国执法。他们的外表,不仅是海关的骄傲,也是全中国的骄傲。

4. A Customs officer has exceptionally broad authority to question passengers, search and detain or seize merchandise. The proper exercise of this authority requires the constant use of good judgment. Such authority must be zealously guarded against abuse.

海关官员享有特殊广泛的权力来询问旅客,搜查、扣留或者没收货物。这种权力 的适当运用需要不断做出正确的判断。这样的权力必须受到积极的保护,以防滥用。

5. at a time when passengers may not be in the most positive frame of mind 旅客情绪不佳的时刻

fame of mind(usu. sing), the state or condition of one's mind or feelings (at a particular time). (常用单数)(某个时刻)心绪,心境,情绪

- e.g. in a cheerful frame of mind 心情愉快
- 6. planting cocaine under the clothes... 把可卡因隐匿在衣服下面……
- plant (ν) to fix or place firmly; to hide(esp. in order to deceive sb; to cause an innocent person to seem to guilty etc.) 牢固安放; 藏在,隐藏(尤指为欺骗某人,使无辜者蒙受不白之冤等),栽赃
 - e.g. to plant stolen goods on sb. 对某人进行栽赃



7. Intelligence is information about an individual or a situation, which indicates the possibility that a violation may occur.

情报是关于有可能出现违法行为的个人或地点的信息。 Intelligence (n.) 智慧、智力,也可当情报讲



Exercises

I. Answering the questions.

- 1. What are the tasks of the Customs General Administration?
- 2. What are the functions of the Customs General Administration?
- 3. Where are the Customs establishments set up?
- 4. What kind of image is expected of a Customs officer?
- 5. What is intelligence?
- 6. What is 5Ws?

II. Filling the blanks.

The Customs of the People's Republic of China is a state organ responsible (1)
the supervision and control over all arrivals in and departures from the Customs territory. It
shall, in accordance, with the law and other regulated laws and regulations, exercise control
(2) the means of transport, goods, luggage, postal items and other articles entering
or leaving the territory, collect customs duties and other taxes and fees, prevent and counter
smuggling, compile customs statistics and deal with other customs affairs. The State Council
sets up the Customs General Administration, which is charged (3) the duty of carrying
out unified administration of the customs establishment (4) throughout the country.
The States Council sets up Customs establishments at ports opening to foreign countries
and at places which call (5) concentrated customs operations. The subordinate relations
of customs establishments may not be subject to dividing principles of administration.

III. Put the follow Chinese (English) sentences into English (Chinese).

- 1. 监管进出境的货物、运输工具、旅客行李及邮递物品。
- 2. 征收关税和其他税费。
- 3. 编制海关统计。
- 4. 海关官员检查物品,判断已申报的完税价值是否精确。