

# **CUSTOMS POWER OF ATTORNEY**/

## **DESIGNATION AS EXPORT FORWARDING AGENT**

and Acknowledgment of Terms

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	Individual
	Partnership
2). 🗌	Corporation
	Sole Proprietorship
	Limited Liability Company

	and Conditions of Service	Sole Proprietorship
l.R.S. # 1.)		Limited Liability Company
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	(Full name of individual, partnership, corporation, sole proprietorship, or limi	
Dusiness as a 4)	under the laws of the organization of the laws of the laws of the laws of the organization of the laws of the laws of the organization of the laws of the laws of the laws of the organization of the laws of the	ne State of ,5.)
residing or having a principal place of business at 6.)		hereby constitutes
authorized agents, to act for and on its behalf as a	s (Canada) and its Officers and duly authorized Entrue and lawful agent and attorney of the grantor for States (the "territory") either in writing, electronically,	or and in the name, place and
	stoms entry, withdrawal, declaration, certificate, bill ection with the importation, exportation, transportated by or to said grantor;	
Perform any act or condition which may be requir grantor; to receive any merchandise;	ed by law or regulation in connection with such m	erchandise deliverable to said
Make endorsements on bills of lading conferring au or swear to any statement or certificate required by intended for filing with Customs;	thority to transfer title; make entry or collect drawba law or regulation for drawback purposes, regardles	ck; and to make, sign, declare s of whether such document is
withdrawal of imported merchandise or merchandi clearance, lading, unlading or navigation of any ves all bonds which may be voluntarily given and acce	grantor any bond required by law or regulation in ise exported with or without benefit of drawback, of sel or other means of conveyance owned or operate pted under applicable laws and regulations, consig- nended, or affidavits or statements in connection with	or in connection with the entry ed by said grantor, and any and nee's and owner's declarations
	ly act that may be necessary or required by law or re any vessel or other means of conveyance owned or	
	thin the territory to act as grantor's agent; to receiv drawn on the Treasurer of the United States; if the If of the grantor;	
	ding filing of claims or protests under section 514 said grantor is or may be concerned or interested	
Giving to said agent and attorney full power and aut as fully as said grantor could do if present and actin do by virtue of these presents;	thority to do anything whatever requisite and necessing, hereby ratifying and confirming all that the said a	ary to be done in the premises gent and attorney shall lawfully
This power of attorney to remain full force and effec this power of attorney is a partnership, the said pow 2 years from the dates of its execution);	et until revocation in writing is duly given to and rece ever shall in no case have any force or effect in the U	ived by grantee (if the donor or nited States after the expiration
and/or file export documents (i.e., commercial invo any other document) and submit export data electr	zes the above Grantee to act within the territory as loices, bill of lading, shipper's export declaration, instruction to lading through the Automated Export System as not under law and regulation in the territory and to	surance certificates, drafts and recessary for the completion of
Grantor acknowledges receipt of <b>Transmodal</b> Tern	ns and Conditions of Services governing all transacti	ions between the Parties.
Grantor.	gnatory certifies that he/she has full authority to exec	
N WITNESS WHEREOF, the said 7.)		
caused these presents to be sealed and signed: (Signature)	gnature) 8.)	
(Capacity) 9.)	Date: 10.)	
Witness: (if required) 11.)		

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 Service" 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 12.)	П	
COUNTY 13.)	ss:	
STATE 14.)		
On this 15.) day of	, 20, person	nally appeared before me 16.)
	residing at 17.)	
personally known or sufficien	tly identified to me, who certifies that	t 18.)
(is) (are) the individual(s) who	o executed the foregoing instrument	and acknowledge it to be 19.)
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	20.)	(Notary Public)
		CERTIFICATION
	(To be made by an officer of other than	the one who executes the power of attorney)
, 21.)		, certify that I am the 22.)
of 23.)		, organized under the laws of the State of 24.)
that 25.)		, who signed this power of attorney on behalf of the donor, is the
26.)	of said c	corporation; and that said power of attorney was duly signed, sealed,
and attested for and in behalf	f of said corporation by authority of it	s governing body as the same appears in a resolution of the Board
further certify that the resolu		day of, 20 now in my possession or custody. s of incorporation and bylaws of said corporation, and was executed on.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I ha	ve hereunto set my hand and affixed	I the seal of said corporation, at the City of 28.)
this 29.)day of	, 20	
30.)		31)



(Date)

(Signature)



## **Instructions for Completing the Power of Attorney**

- 1.) Please indicate your corporate I.R.S. #/Social Security # (whichever is applicable) for U.S. Companies only.
- 2.) Check appropriate box to indicate company status:

*Individual* — State persons name

Partnership — Indicate full name of each partner and partnership name.

Sole Proprietorship — Indicate full name of individual and company.

Corporation — Indicate full legal company name.

- 3.) Company name
- 4.) Business name if other than as stated in #3.
- 5.) Corporations only Indicate the state, province or country under whose laws you operate.
- 6.) Official physical address of the companies' home office, or individual home address.
- 7.) Full name of company
- 8.) Signature of individual authorized to issue POA
- 9.) Title of individual indicated in #8. If a corporation, the individual must be a corporate officer (i.e., President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer)
- 10.) Date power of attorney is being granted.
- 11.) Name and signature of witness. (Not required unless specifically required by your state/provincial/federal government)
- 12.) 20.) No longer required unless specifically required by your state/provincial/federal government.

Note: Only non-resident corporations must complete the corporate certification section.

- 21.) Name of individual officer executing the corporate certification.
- 22.) Title of individual indicated in #21.
- 23.) Name of corporation.
- 24.) Indicate the state, province, or country under whose laws your company operates.
- 25.) Name of person signing front of power of attorney. (Same as #8)
- 26.) Title of person signing front of power of attorney. (Same as #9)
- 27.) Date the corporation recognized granting power of attorney to Transmodal Int'l Freight Consultants (Canada)
- 28.) 29.) Not necessary unless specifically required by your state/provincial/federal government.
- 30.) Signature of officer executing the corporate certification.
- 31.) Date

<sup>\*</sup> ALL SPACES MUST BE FILLED IN UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.

#### Terms & 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 Transmodal nt'l Freight Consultants (Canada)'its subsidiaries, related compan ies, 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 "nonvessel 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".
- 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: 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 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
- 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 U.S. Customs & Border Protection, other Government Agency and/or third parties, and will immediately advise the Company of any errors, discrepancies, incorrect statements, or omissions on any declaration or other submission filed on Customers behalf;
- (b) In preparing and submitting customs entries, export declarations, applications, security filings, documentation and/or other required data, 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 ensure 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, incomplete or false statement by the Customer or its agent, representative or contractor 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
- (b) 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)
- (c) 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 business, \$ 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;
  (d) 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, or for the acts of third parties.
- 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, fines, penalties and/or attorneys' fees arising from the importation or exportation of customers merchandise and/or any conduct of the Customer, including but not limited to the inaccuracy of entry, export or security data supplied by Customer or its agent or representative, 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, penalties, fines 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 not have 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 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 §I508 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
- 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.
- 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. Company's decision to waive any provision herein, either by conduct or otherwise, shall not be deemed to be a further or continuing waiver of such provision or to otherwise waive or invalidate any other provision herein.
- 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 Vermont 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 Vermont;
- (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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