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REACH YOUR GOALS WITH CONFIDENCE.

International trade in goods is challenging for companies of all sizes. It involves complex issues which are highly susceptible to errors and inaccuracies and may lead to serious consequences. Although there is plenty of room for creativity, this requires intimate knowledge of the intricacies and pitfalls of the relevant law.

The consultants of AWB Steuerberatungsgesellschaft (AWB Tax) and AWB Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft (AWB Law) support you with expertise, experience and commitment. As a boutique consultancy, our sectoral expertise offers clear benefits.

Whether you wish to optimise your customs processes, implement an Internal Compliance Programme (ICP) for export controls or reduce the burden on your tax department, we are there to provide advice and support. We also make our expertise available to lawyers and tax advisors in particularly complex cases as well as in tax audits, appeals and claims.



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AWB: THE SPECIALISTS.

As a boutique consultancy with branches in Münster, Munich and Hamburg, we specialise in customs, origin, preferences, export controls prohibitions and restrictions, value-added tax (VAT), excise and other legal areas relating to international commerce. We advise national and international companies of all sizes.

We offer a broad range of services: from assisting you in your daily tasks and producing legal reports and opinions, to managing administrative appeals, opposition proceedings and reimbursement claims. We can also mastermind your defence in criminal or administrative proceedings and represent you before the highest German and European courts.

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Expert, experienced and personal. On this basis, we develop practical solutions attuned to the structures and processes of your company, thereby helping you attain your goals. We attach great importance to a direct and personal communication with our clients.

ADVICE ACROSS BORDERS.

The AWB forms part of a network of similarly specialised “best-friends” law firms. Our partners provide prompt advice that takes account of the local peculiarities of your target markets or supplier countries and develop bespoke solutions for international transactions.

PRESSING ON WHERE OTHERS STOP.

CONSULTING AREAS

Customs

- Customs procedures, customs tariffs, customs valuation
- Anti-dumping duties and trade policy measures

Origin and preferences

- Authorisations and registrations
- Preference calculations and documentary requirements

Export controls

- Restrictions on the export of goods, classification
- Embargoes, sanctions lists, restrictions on use, technology transfer
- Authorisations

Prohibitions and restrictions

- Classifications, authorisations

International commerce

- Incoterms®
- Transport law
- German Supply Chain Due Diligence Law (Lieferkettensorgfaltspflichtengesetz (LkSG))

National and international VAT

- Specific VAT advice (e.g. internet and online trade, international transactions, VAT exemptions)
- Invoice corrections, applications for remission and voluntary disclosures

Excise

- Determination of taxable items, tax exemptions and tax relief
- Permits for tax suspension procedures

SEEING THE BIG PICTURE.

SERVICES

• Helpdesk

Flexible assistance on demand to cope with your daily business. Why not use AWB as your very own back office?

• Status analysis (Health Check)

We analyse and structure your internal procedures and help you minimise risk.

• Representation before the authorities and courts

We pursue your claims against public authorities, before the courts if necessary. Defending our clients against criminal charges and fines also forms part of our daily business.

• Reports and opinions

Where others call it a day, we see things through to the end and solve complex legal problems within our fields of expertise.

• Audit preparation and support

With our support you can fully prepare for official audits and complete them successfully.

• Master data projects

Let the AWB team roll up its sleeves and spring-clean your master data! We also cleanse large data volumes, especially relating to customs tariff numbers, good descriptions or potential prohibitions and restrictions.

• Consulting

Process security ensures legal certainty. Organisational advice, external project management, support when introducing IT systems or setting up risk management systems, internal control systems and compliance management systems are only some of the services we offer.

STRONG PARTNERS

Personal and individual: optimal solutions require a team that knows its craft.



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