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How do you offer terms to your buyers?

Who can help me as a small business exporters as I look to arrange financing?

How do I mitigate foreign buyer risk?
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• EXPORTER OF METALS AND ELECTRONICS RECYCLABLE MATERIALS
• STARTED IN 2003
• 20 EMPLOYEES
• 90+ % OF SALES ARE EXPORT
• TO CHINA, HONG KONG, INDIA, KOREA, JAPAN
• Largest Commercial Bank headquartered in Oregon
  • SBA Preferred Lender
  • Full Suite of International Banking Products
  • Active in Washington, Oregon and California
  • $25B in Assets
  • Now offering Export Working Capital Lines of Credit in partnership with SBA.
Export Working Capital Program (EWCP)

“Working capital to fulfill the export order”

- 90% guarantees on loans up to $5 million
- Pure export working capital line, usu. revolving
- Typically 1 year loans; re-issued annually
- Advance rates of 75-90% on export sales
- Structure: (1) Asset-Based, (2) Transaction-Based, or (3) Standby Letter of Credit
- SBA’s lowest guaranty fee (0.25%)
“Fast-track for smaller export-related loans”

• 90% guarantees on loans up to $350,000
• 75% guarantees on loans up to $500,000
• Any “export development activity” – fixed assets; refinancing; working capital
• Term loan or revolving line
• Use lender’s own underwriting/collateral standards
• Delegated approval authority
International Trade Loan (ITL)

“Positioning the firm for export success”

- 90% guarantees on loans up to $5 million
- Financing for projects that improve the competitive position of US exporter so as to increase exporting
- Equipment, real estate, refinancing, permanent working capital (No transfers of ownership)
- The loan may also support the borrower’s domestic operations provided it contributes to the expansion of exporting too.
- No specific export sales threshold is required; instead, the business must have a clear export plan and target.
Indirect Export Sales

Applies to all 3 of SBA’s International Programs

• Part of a Supply Chain

• Selling thru an ETC

• Eligible for SBA 90% Export Guarantee

• U.S. buyer/exporter provides evidence of on-exporting
International Tourism

Applies to SBA’s Export Express & ITL

• U.S. firms providing tourism related services

• Hotels, aerial sightseeing, scuba diving, etc.

• Borrower to make a concerted effort to attract foreign tourists and document it in their export plan

• Foreign buyers pick-up goods and services in the U.S.
Standby Letters of Credit

Applies to EWCP & Export Express

- SBLC can be issued as a Bid Bond, Performance Bond or Advance Payment Guarantee
- Requires (cash) collateral = 25% of SBLC Amount
- Allows exporter to retain 75% of an Advance Payment for working capital purposes
No U.S. Content Required

Applies to all 3 of SBA’s International Programs

- Goods or services must be shipped/delivered from U.S.
- Exporter qualifies for SBA 90% Guarantee even if they import goods, consolidate and ship from the U.S.
- Eliminates need for small business exporter to account for all of their material inputs
- Drop shipments from other countries are not permitted
Military Sales Allowed

Applies to all 3 of SBA’s International Programs

• Military goods and services must be properly licensed

• Dual-use products are eligible

• SBA can support Foreign Military Sales thru DOD
Reduce Risk & Increase Sales with Export Credit Insurance
Who We Are – What We Do

• EXIM Bank is an independent agency of the U.S. Government
• Established in 1934
• Headquartered in Washington, D.C
• Regional Export Finance Centers:
  - Eastern: Miami, New York, Atlanta
  - Central: Chicago, Detroit, Minneapolis, Houston, Dallas
  - Western: Orange County CA, San Francisco, Seattle, San Diego
• Mission: Support U.S. exports in order to create and sustain U.S. jobs
Risk Protection

International sales are challenging enough without the added risk of not receiving payment for your goods or services. EXIM's export credit insurance provides payment coverage for both commercial and political risks. Moreover, your business can count on EXIM to protect your export sales to a single buyer or multiple buyers.

Working Capital

An EXIM guaranteed credit line may provide the vital funds you need to fulfill new orders. These funds may be used to purchase finished products, raw materials, and supplies as well as cover labor and overhead costs. This guaranteed credit line may even cover standby letters of credit used as performance bonds or bid bonds.

Extend Credit to Buyers

EXIM's export credit insurance enables your company to offer competitive "open account" terms instead of requiring your foreign buyers to pay cash-in-advance, use credit cards, or secure letters of credit. Furthermore, your insured foreign receivables may be assigned to a commercial lender, thereby increasing your company’s borrowing base and accelerating its cash flow.

Term Financing

EXIM can provide your foreign buyers with term financing at competitive interest rates and longer repayment terms. Foreign buyers can use these funds to buy U.S.-made capital goods and services, helping your business go global.
Trade Terms as a Spectrum of Risk

**Seller Risk**
- High
- Low

**Trade Terms**
- Open Account
- Cash Against Documents and other Documentary Collections
- Usance / Deferred Letters of Credit
- Sight Letters of Credit
- Payment in Advance

**Buyer Risk**
- Low
- High

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Export Credit Insurance

Benefits:

**RISK PROTECTION:** Protects US exporters against non-payment by foreign buyers due to commercial & political risks
- Bankruptcy, insolvency, protracted default, war, revolution insurrection, transfer risk

**SALES TOOL:** Allows exporters to offer competitive credit terms to foreign buyers
- Generally up to 180 days, some products may qualify for 360 day terms

**FINANCING AID:** Obtain additional financing
- Insured foreign receivables may be added to your borrowing base by assignment of policy proceeds (claim payments) to a lender
Short Term Export Credit Insurance

Coverage Parameters:

- Up to 180 days, exceptionally 1 year
- 95%, 98% or 100% coverage, depending on policy selected, products exported, and buyer classification
- Insures both commercial and political risks

Lender Policies:

- Bank Letter of Credit
- Financial Institution Buyer Credit

Exporter Policies:

- Multi-Buyer or Single-Buyer
Short Term Export Credit Insurance

Policies for Small Business*:

- **Express Insurance**
  95% cover, no deductible, pay-as-you-go, EXIM Bank obtains and reviews all credit info on buyers, maximum of 10 buyers

- **Multi-Buyer**
  95% cover, no deductible, pay-as-you-go, some buyer approval authority may be given to exporter

- **Single-Buyer**
  90% cover, no deductible, pricing published on [www.exim.gov](http://www.exim.gov)

* SBA definition

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Strategies for Going Global & Getting Paid

Export Assistance from the U.S. Commercial Service

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## International Expansion Blueprint – U.S. Commercial Service Client Engagement Methodology (Snapshot)

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Export Readiness and Common Mistakes

www.export.gov/begin/assessment.asp

• Does your company have sufficient production capacity that can be committed to the export market?
• Will financing be required for any expansion?
• Does your company have the financial resources to actively support an increase of product sales in targeted overseas markets?
• Does your company have knowledge and experience of export payment methods, such as developing and negotiating letters of credit?

Common Mistakes
• Failure to obtain qualified export counseling
• Insufficient commitment by top management to overcome the initial difficulties and financial requirements of exporting
• Insufficient care in selecting overseas partners/distributors
How Is Exporting Different?

- Foreign laws are different
- Culture, business practices, economic and political conditions are also different
- New knowledge and understanding are required

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“Companies want to expand into new markets, ...but... without incurring undue risk ... and... without hurting cash flow.”
Evaluating An Opportunity

- Who is your buyer? How did you “meet”?
- How do you communicate? (medium / language)
- What is your buyer asking you to do?
- Is your company, your product competitive?
- How does he/she propose to pay?
- How do you propose to deliver? (Production capacity, supply chain, logistics, licenses)
# Evaluating Risks In Cross-Border Sales

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Comparing Methods of Payment

- Cash in Advance
- Letter of Credit
- Documentary Collections
- Open Account

Ex-Im and SBA Trade Finance Tools as attractive solutions/options

- Buyer’s Country Risk
- Buyer’s Bank Reputation
- Buyer’s Creditworthiness
- Competition
- Volume/value of Shipment

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Determining Your Company’s Risk Policy

Country Risk Element + Knowing Your Customer/Partner
Customer Risk Element + Knowing Your Customer/Partner
Commercial Risk Element + Knowing Your Customer/Partner
Financial Risk Element + Knowing Your Customer/Partner
Potential strategies:

- Company website, other internet information
- Request information from a potential partner
- Ask for bank references, industry/trade references, financial statements
- Conduct a credit check
- Purchase a company profile
- Obtain credit insurance
- Order the International Company Profile service from the U.S. Commercial Service
International Company Profile

May also include:

- Subsidiary/parent relationships
- Recent news items about the firm
- Firms’ U.S. customers
- Operational problems
- Activities of prominent owners
- Branch locations
- Cost: $700
- Delivery: 10 – 30 business days

- Bank and trade references
- Principals, key officers & managers
- Product lines
- Number of employees
- Financial data
- Sales volume
- Reputation
- Market outlook

Cost: $700
Delivery: 10 – 30 business days
Core Market Services

**Business Facilitation**
- International Company Profile
- Gold Key Matching Service
- Single Company Promotion

**Trade Promotion Events**
- International Buyer Programs
- Trade Shows & US Pavilions
- Trade Missions

**Customized Programs**
- Platinum Key Service
- Advocacy & Trade Disputes
- Market Research

**Market Research**
- Market Research Library
- Country Commercial Guide (CCG)
- Due Diligence

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Gold Key Matching Service

- Pre-screened appointment schedule arranged for you before you travel overseas
- Customized market and industry briefings with our local trade specialists
- Timely and relevant market research
- Post-meeting debriefing with our trade specialists and assistance in developing appropriate follow-up strategies
- Help with travel, accommodations, interpreter service, and clerical support

Gold Key cost: $950 / IPS is $750 (no travel option)

Delivery: 6-8 weeks
So...What Can We Do For You?

- Assist in developing an effective export strategy
- Help locate the best markets for your products
- Identify the most qualified buyers and partners
- Recommend financing options
- Payment issues and customs clearance, export licensing
- Regulatory and market entry hurdles
Recap

1. Don't be afraid to negotiate reasonable selling terms, including deferred payment terms, with foreign buyers.

2. Understand Risk Factors

3. There are tools available to mitigate unknown factors such as the various types of risks.

4. Tap into local and U.S. Government resources

5. Talk to your local International Trade Specialist about trade solutions for your global sales.
Useful Links

• **Export.gov**: Market intelligence, advice and business tools
• **Our services**: [https://www.export.gov/services](https://www.export.gov/services)
• **Export.gov/TradeFinanceGuide**: Basics of financing techniques - [https://www.export.gov/tradefinanceguide](https://www.export.gov/tradefinanceguide)
• **Country Commercial Guides**: [https://www.export.gov/ccg](https://www.export.gov/ccg)
• **Videos**:  
• **Export.gov/USoffices**: Locate your local International Trade Specialist
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http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/outreach/index.html

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- **Manage Challenges:** May 30, 2018
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International Trade Resources

WWW.CENSUS.GOV/TRADE

- Press Releases
- Schedule B, Tariff Code Support
- References and Guides
- Hub for Data

Prepared Data

- Imports and Exports of Merchandise
- Imports and Exports History
- Standard and Custom Data Products
- State and Port Data

Access to Detailed Data

- International Trade Time Series (Census API)
- USA Trade Online: usatrade.census.gov
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