

# *Code of Ethics*

*for Customs Brokers*

1. Honesty, trustworthiness, efficiency and fair dealings shall be the working guide of CUSTOMS BROKERS in the conduct of their business.
2. Public service, more than individual interest, shall be the paramount concern of every broker.
3. No CUSTOMS BROKER shall indulge in unfair and ruinous competition, or shall employ deceitful devices or means to attract customers and his dealings with the government.
4. A CUSTOMS BROKER shall conduct himself properly and beyond reproach and shall not conceal facts and/or connive with clients to suppress facts essential in the proper collection of government revenues, or induce importers or his employees to commit frauds. upon or abet in the commission of frauds upon the revenue.
5. Soliciting customers/clients already connected with other brokers thru unfair monetary competitive practices or discrediting fellow brokers for selfish motives or otherwise is regarded as unethical and unprofessional.
6. A CUSTOMS BROKER shall hold inviolate the trust and confidence reposed in turn by his clients especially in the matter of funds, documents, and goods entrusted to his care in the exercise of his profession.
7. No CUSTOMS BROKER shall take undue advantage of the innocence, ignorance, credulity, or confidence of his clients or his employees and other persons with whom he deals.
8. No CUSTOMS BROKER shall permit himself to be used as a "dummy" in the employment of privileges to conduct a customs brokerage business.
9. CUSTOMS BROKERS must conduct their business with clients and the public on the basis of strict compliance with the law, in a manner which reflects proper discharge of professional responsibility and should not speak in an unprofessional manner of another Customs Broker or make any statement likely to unfairly affect the reputation of another in the eyes of any client.
10. Every CUSTOMS BROKER must be guided by the Supreme Principles of Justice, Fairness & Truthfulness.