

CustomsMobile

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Improved CustomsMobile Website—Much Faster and More Search-Friendly than Ever

Free Mobile Website Helps US Importers, Customs Brokers, and US Government Employees Easily Access US Customs Data

ARLINGTON, VA – (May 20, 2015) – CustomsMobile, the revolutionary mobile website that delivers a wide array of US Customs data, has announced major improvements. The site, www.customsmobile.com, now stores all information from government websites on its own server. The result is an unprecedented improvement in speed, features, and search-ability.

CustomsMobile is a first-of-its-kind mobile website that provides all US Customs-related information in one easy-to-navigate location, and is designed to give on-the-go access to the trade community, US government workers, and the general public, with unprecedented efficiency.

“The upgraded CustomsMobile vastly exceeds past website performance and remains available to users at no charge,” says company founder Craig C. Briess. “We also outperform the government sites not only in speed, but with enhanced search features that are on a par with commercial databases. For instance, we allow a broad range of Boolean, wild card, proximity, and field-specific searches, to name just a few.” The new CustomsMobile no longer pulls data live from government websites each time a user requests information. Instead, CustomsMobile provides the information from data it has already downloaded and keeps in sync with government databases. This structure enables CustomsMobile to utilize its own commercial-grade search engine.

CustomsMobile provides anyone anywhere in the world free access to vital US Customs information in a user-centric smartphone and tablet-optimized layout. The site outperforms the relevant federal government websites, which, in addition, are not smartphone friendly.

Briess, a customs law attorney and International Trade Specialist, came up with the idea for CustomsMobile after a frustrating personal experience. While attending trade legislation meetings, he discovered that it was extremely difficult to navigate vital information through his smartphone.

CustomsMobile provides: access to 187,277 (and counting) legal rulings issued by CBP; 6,390 (and counting) CBP CSMS announcements covering everything from new ACE updates to Section 514 protest policies to major changes in trade legislation; the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States Chapters 1 through 99, including the General Notes, Section Notes, and Chapter Notes (in both mobile-friendly format and PDF format); a database of Title 19 Code of Federal Regulations (administrative laws); and contact information for all US ports.

Briess says that improving access to vital trade information will reduce trade costs as it enables accessibility internationally without the cost barrier of a desktop computer or fixed internet cable. Making the information available to a wider audience should force accountability and greater government transparency, he says. Briess also hopes that CustomsMobile will spur further discussion about the pace of the federal government's adoption of technology.

While Briess is employed at CBP, CustomsMobile is a wholly private endeavor and is not funded, approved, or endorsed by the federal government.

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