

LAW OFFICES OF NITHYA NAGARAJAN, LLC

INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW AND CONSULTING

Ms. Nithya Nagarajan has extensive experience on all levels of antidumping and countervailing proceedings in the United States and China. Ms. Nagarajan is currently representing and advising Chinese producers/ exporters in several new investigations including Steel Wheels from China, and High Pressure Steel Cylinders from China. In addition, she is advising U.S. companies on preparing and submitting data and questionnaire responses in the ongoing Chinese antidumping duty investigation on imports of Dried Distillers' Grains exported from the United States.

Recently, she represented the largest exporters/producers in the Aluminum Extrusions investigation before the Department of Commerce and the International Trade Commission. Additionally, in 2010 she assisted in representing the largest producer/exporter in the Drill Pipe from China investigation. She is also advising U.S. importers facing the burdens of antidumping and countervailing duties on the U.S. laws and procedures to file scope exclusions and requests for administrative reviews to enable them to reduce their duty liabilities. Furthermore, she also advises U.S. importers on issues related to the collection and assessment of duties before the U.S. Bureau of Customs and Border Protection.

Ms. Nagarajan began her international trade career as an international trade analyst at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Import Administration. She had primary responsibility for formulating information requests, analyzing data submitted by mandatory respondents, and calculating antidumping duty margins. Ms. Nagarajan also negotiated several bi-lateral trade agreements on behalf of the Department of Commerce in the settlement of antidumping duty investigations.

While at the Department of Commerce Ms. Nagarajan led several on-site verifications of companies throughout the world including, Russia, Ukraine, Japan, Mexico, India, and several European Countries. Ms. Nagarajan also trained Department of Commerce officials on the conduct of verifications. She knows what Department of Commerce officials look for at verification and thus can fully prepare your company for verification visits.

After eight years as an analyst at the Import Administration at the Department of Commerce, Ms. Nagarajan sought and completed her law degree. She worked as an Honors attorney for the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice for approximately three years, and worked for two years as a judicial law clerk on the U.S. Court of International Trade. Immediately prior to starting her own practice, Ms. Nagarajan worked as an attorney in the Office of Chief Counsel for Import Administration at the Department of Commerce providing legal advice to the Import Administration in the conduct of antidumping and countervailing duty investigations and reviews. Ms. Nagarajan also represented the United States in litigation before the U.S. Court of International Trade, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and the Dispute Settlement Body at the World Trade Organization.

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While at the Office of Chief Counsel for Import Administration, Ms. Nagarajan was the designated customs expert. She handled all inquiries regarding the nexus between the calculation of antidumping and countervailing duties by the Import Administration and the collection of antidumping duties by the U.S. Customs & Border Protection.

Representative Cases

- Thai I-Mei Frozen Foods Co. v. United States, No. 05-00197, Slip Op. 2009-65 (Ct. Int'l Trade June 24, 2009)
- Shandong Mach. Imp. & Exp. Co. v. United States, No. 07-00355, Slip Op. 2009-64, (Ct. Int'l Trade June 24, 2009)
- Ugine ALZ v. United States, 551 F.3d 1339 (Fed. Cir. January 7, 2009)
- Shandong Huarong Mach. Co. v. United States, No. 06-00345, Slip Op. 2008-135 (Ct. Int'l Trade Dec. 10, 2008)
- Toys "R" Us, Inc. v. United States, No. 07-00115, Slip Op. 2008-79 (Ct. Int'l Trade July 16, 2008)
- Ames True Temper v. United States, No. 05-00581, Slip Op. 2008-8 (Ct. Int'l Trade Jan. 18, 2008)

Awards

Gold Medal Recipient, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1997