



South Carolina Export Resource Guide

Beginning to Export

[A Basic Guide to Exporting](http://export.gov/basicguide/eg_main_017244.asp) - A comprehensive guide to exporting from the U.S. Department of Commerce.
(http://export.gov/basicguide/eg_main_017244.asp)

[Export Business Planner - Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](https://www.sba.gov/exportbusinessplanner) - The Export Business Planner is a free, customizable tool for small business owners who are exploring exporting.
(<https://www.sba.gov/exportbusinessplanner>)

[Finding Your Schedule B Number](https://uscensus.prod.3ceonline.com/) - Harmonized System (HS) codes are used by customs authorities around the world to identify products and apply duties and taxes. Please note: services do not have HS codes.
(<https://uscensus.prod.3ceonline.com/>)

Market Research

[Market Research Library](http://www.buyusainfo.net/adsearch.cfm?search_type=int&loadnav=no) - Search free country commercial guides for doing business in each country as well as industry specific information.
(http://www.buyusainfo.net/adsearch.cfm?search_type=int&loadnav=no)

[Doing Business \(World Bank\)](http://www.doingbusiness.org/) - Provides objective measures of business regulations for local firms in 189 economies and selected cities at the subnational level.
(<http://www.doingbusiness.org/>)

[Trade Leads](http://export.gov/tradeleads/index.asp) - The following are new, pre-qualified trade opportunities and foreign government tender announcements that are available to U.S. exporters.
(<http://export.gov/tradeleads/index.asp>)

[Free Trade Agreements](http://trade.gov/fta/) - List of 14 FTAs in force with 20 countries.
(<http://trade.gov/fta/>)

[Free Trade Zones \(FTZs\)](http://www.scspace.com/Cargo/Logistics/ftzs/ftz.asp) - South Carolina offers the international trader many opportunities to take advantage of Foreign-Trade Zones' program's many savings and benefits.
(<http://www.scspace.com/Cargo/Logistics/ftzs/ftz.asp>)

[Nation Master](http://www.nationmaster.com/) - Search country statistical images: graphs, maps, data tables, scatterplots, figures and statistics.
(<http://www.nationmaster.com/>)

[TradeStats](http://tse.export.gov/TSE/TSEhome.aspx) - Allows business to easily obtain national and state-level trade statistics custom-tailored to their needs.
(<http://tse.export.gov/TSE/TSEhome.aspx>)

Financing and Payment

[Export Finance Guide](#) – This guide, developed by the U.S. Department of Commerce, is designed to help small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) learn the fundamentals of trade finance.
(http://www.export.gov/static/TradeFinanceGuide_All_Latest_eg_main_043219.pdf)

[Export-Import Bank of the United States](#) - Independent U.S. government agency that helps finance overseas sales of U.S. goods and services.
(<http://www.exim.gov/>)

[U.S. Small Business Administration](#) – SBA works with banks to provide exporters with loans and venture capital financing through a variety of programs.
(<https://www.sba.gov/category/navigation-structure/loans-grants>)

Export Regulations

[Bureau of Industry and Security](#) - BIS is the main resource for export compliance, Export Administration Regulations (EAR), export licenses, Export Commodity Control Numbers (ECCN).
(<http://www.bis.doc.gov/index.php/policy-guidance/lists-of-parties-of-concern>)

[International Traffic in Arms Regulations \(ITAR\)](#) – Learn more about ITAR from the U.S. Department of State.
(https://www.pmdtc.state.gov/regulations_laws/itar.html)

[Foreign Corrupt Practices Act \(FCPA\)](#) – Official website for the federal government’s FCPA
(<http://www.justice.gov/criminal/fraud/fcpa/>)

Logistics

[Tariffs and Taxes](#) – Use this free tool to determine your product’s tariffs and taxes. Registration is required.
(<http://export.customsinfo.com/Default.aspx>)

[Incoterms®](#) - Learn about Incoterms®, the set of rules which define the responsibilities of sellers and buyers under sales contracts.
(http://export.gov/faq/eg_main_023922.asp)

[Intellectual Property Rights Branch](#) – From the Office of Regulations and Rulings, information concerning federally registered trademarks, copyrights, and trade names to protect intellectual properties
(<https://iprr.cbp.gov/>)

Business Travel

[Business Travel Alerts](#) - View travel advisories as well as profiles of each country’s history, economic overview, foreign relations and political conditions.
(<http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/country.html>)

[Culture](#) - Review culture tips for conducting business.
(<http://www.culturecrossing.net/>)

Government Partners

[South Carolina District Council](#) - The South Carolina District Export Council (SCDEC) is an organization of leaders from the local business community whose knowledge of international business provides a source of professional advice for local firms.

(<http://www.sctrade.org/>)

[South Carolina Small Business Development Center](#) – Helps startup companies with exporting. Also provides information on access to capital and workforce development. .

(<http://www.scsbdc.com/export.php>)

[U.S. Export Assistance Center – South Carolina](#) – Assist with finding distributors and agents in over 200 cities worldwide. (Some Fee Based)

(<http://www.export.gov/southcarolina/>)

Government Procurement

[Canadian Public Tenders](#)– Canada’s Internet based electronic tendering service with valuable information on Canadian government procurement opportunities, free of charge.

(<http://www.merx.com/>)

[Canada Business Network Procurement Services](#) – An online vender toolkit to help sell goods and services to the provincial government.

(<http://canadabusiness.ca/eng/program/2571/>)

[SBA Procurement & Technical Assistance Centers](#) – Provides local counseling, technical assistance, and training services for small business owners wanting to pursue government contracts.

(<https://www.sba.gov/tools/local-assistance/ptac>)

Electronic Version at:
<http://scommerce.com/sc-business-network/export-services>