



SOLVING THE WORLD'S MOST COMPLEX
TRADE & LOGISTICS CHALLENGES

LEGAL FRAMEWORK MODERNIZATION

Providing for an electronic, predictable, and transparent trade environment

Nathan works with developing country governments and traders to establish a solid legal basis for 21st century customs modernization, increasing transparency, efficiency and partnership.

KEY SERVICE OFFERINGS

- Drafting and review of customs law and regulations, including for alignment with the Revised Kyoto Convention
- Legal gap analysis for single window and e-commerce
- Drafting of legislation to enable a single window and e-commerce
- Drafting of legislation to enable regional single window framework

MODERNIZING LEGISLATION

In Botswana, Colombia, Egypt, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Namibia, and Nigeria, Nathan has helped governments align legislation with the Revised Kyoto Convention and the WCO SAFE Framework. We have also conducted public awareness campaigns and facilitated consultations with the private sector on new and revised legislation. In Botswana, Nathan helped modernize the Customs and Excise Duty Act, ensuring compliance with WTO and WCO standards and incorporating modern trade facilitation tools into the legislative draft.

ANALYZING LEGAL ENVIRONMENTS FOR SINGLE WINDOWS AND REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY

Nathan analyzed legislation in Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, the Philippines, and Vietnam with respect to the equivalence of paper and electronic data, admissibility of electronic evidence in legal proceedings, legal jurisdiction, legal liability and dispute resolution, data protection, and information security. As a result, government counterparts had a concrete roadmap for aligning their legal framework with electronic connectivity requirements.

DRAFTING ELECTRONIC COMMERCE AND SINGLE WINDOW LEGISLATION

In Botswana, Indonesia, Malawi, and Namibia, Nathan conducted gap analyses of current and proposed legislation on electronic transactions in preparation for single window program implementation and regional connectivity. In Southeast Asia, Nathan helped Lao PDR and Thailand draft legislative documents to enable use of national single windows.

PREPARING A REGIONAL LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR ELECTRONIC CONNECTIVITY

Nathan helped the Association of Southeast Asian Nations draft and agree on a protocol for the legal framework of the ASEAN Single Window. Ratified by all ten member states, the protocol now governs cross-border electronic exchanges between national single windows.

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