

Presentation at CIMA, Chelmsford chapter

Streamlining international trade in a changing world: planning, estimating, logistics, financial and document management

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Who we are and what we do

Ramin

- Managed financing for international orders from few thousand to \$B
- Managed contract delivery deadlines, supply chain relationships
- Citigroup London moving to the Dubai IFC, commercial finance lead in mid range oil services
- Pivotal roles in transformational cross border deals

Chris

- Started career in technology at Cargill, largest privately owned global trading company
- Spent 10 years at Deloitte on strategic business change cross industry
- Securitisation at Barclays running €B structured finance trades
- Freelance consultant in Treasury, Capital Markets, private equity

In 2015 founded Parkway Logic to develop products and services for international trading, particularly SMEs

Developing Exabler as flagship all-in-one product for SME traders utilising open data sets, machine learning/AI, API integration to run international operations more effectively and compliantly

Objectives

 International trade bodies/agreements, how businesses conduct trade, basic terminology, planning and estimating in practice

2. Managing the challenges of international trade and cashflow

3. Operational activities of trade which impact finance and collaboration with other functions and service providers



Audience Poll

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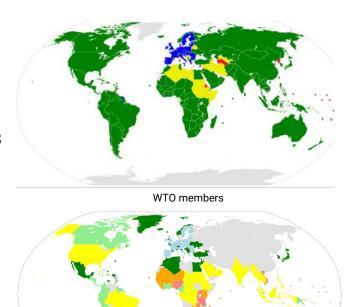
Your level of experience in cross border trade?

Are you or your clients predominantly in goods or services?



Global trade bodies and agreements

- Agreements to enhance trade WTO biggest trading bloc - sets rules - Trading blocs standards
- General aim to reduce tariff and non-tariff barriers enhance trade includes rules on FDI, IP protection
- FTAs are complex, more common are RTAs (regional) since 1990 increase from 70 to 300
- Recent are bilateral agreements concluded, e.g.
 UK-Switzerland Feb 2019, EU-Japan March 2019



EU bilateral trade agreements (light green)

Indicators of health



WTO monitoring states ..

- Ratio of trade growth to GDP growth fell below 1:1 in 2016, for the first time since 2001.
- Policy uncertainty is the main risk factor, including imposition of trade restrictive measures and monetary tightening.
- Govts have been increasing using trade restrictive measures (i.e. non-tariff barriers)

Negative news

US-China trade dispute

TPP loses US

NAFTA -> USMCA

Brexit

Positive news

CPTPP

EU-Canada

UK new market (post Brexit)

Japan-EU

Global snapshot of trade, delivery vs payment

- \$5T services, \$15.5T goods (25% services), 80% is containerised
- Developing economies 46% forecast to grow to 57% by 2030
- E-commerce accounts \$5T, digitised trades growing

Cash in Advance \$3.5 - \$4.0T

Traditional Trade Finance e.g. letter of credits \$6.0 - \$7.0T

Payment services

Financing

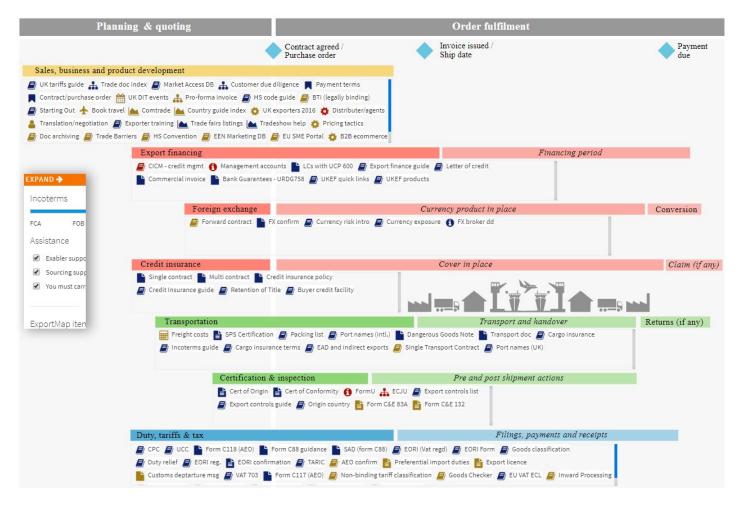
Sources: WTO, IMF estimates, Opus, Observations of Trade Finance 2013-18, CEB analysis

Share of global goods trade by payment type

How do businesses trade internationally



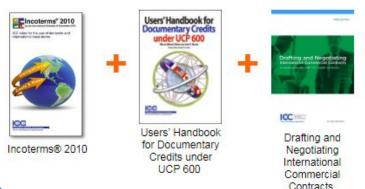
Export Map



Basic terminology, commercial terms, standards

Incoterms

- Deals with allocation of Cost Risk and Insurance between buyer and seller
- Published by International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- Incoterms 2010 current iteration, changes 2020 again

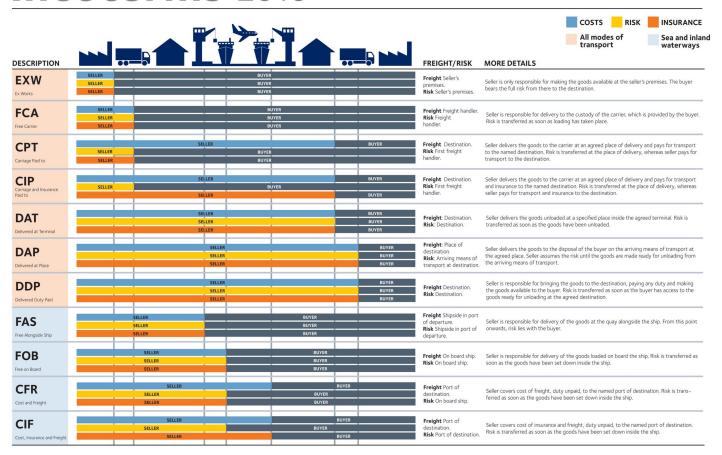


Agreements, standards and terminology

- Rules of origin, economic value added
- Goods classification HS codes (harmonised system)
- Tariff vs duty, non-tariff barriers, local content and employment rules
- Export controls & licenses (special & general) and Dual use goods



Incoterms[®] 2010



Question

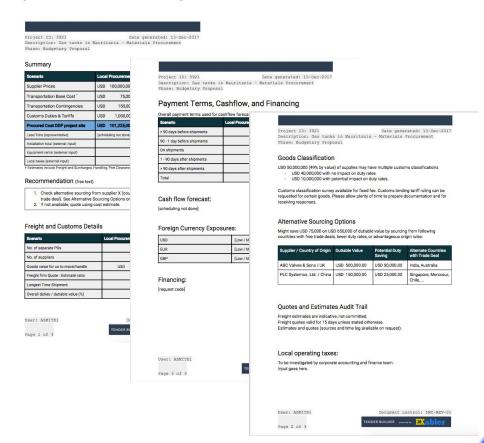
Using your handout - if your buyer wishes to agree CIF with you - which mode of transport are you using?

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Case study - International project supply chain strategy

- Bid / no-bid
- Budgeting supply chain costs and estimating timings
- Scenario planning and comparing different procurement routes
- Estimating peak financing requirement

Ramin runs through a case study with accompanying 1-page handout Project estimating tool - Tender Builder https://youtu.be/1MFGo3O55YA



International trade and cashflow - Challenges

Characteristic challenges:

Delivery risk: longer lead times, more layers

Payment risk: FX rates, credit info, timing

mismatch

Operational risk: customs borders, language,

"errors & omissions", culture

Market risk: proprietary vendor relationships,

reacting to distant market dynamics

Financial aims affected:

AP/AR visibility and transparency Cash management efficiency Forecast finance requirements Cultivate financing relationships

Harder for international operations to be as bankable as domestic

Companies and regulators respond with customs & goods regulations, payment terms, quarantees & LCs (UCP & ISBP), Incoterms ®, inspections ... documentation

International trade and cashflow - Manage and Optimise

First step: make the risks 'tangible'

Identify & document risks e.g.

- 1. Customer/Supplier financial strength
- 2. Customer/Supplier criticality
- 3. Other risks e.g. organized crime, environmental risks, political & social risks, cyber risks and so on ...

Assess:

What is the Board's risk appetite?
Which risks are insurable vs. uninsurable?

Prepare for unknown risks with clear processes, training, corporate culture and tone from the top

Second step: resources and procedures

Digitise & Collaborate: internal & external

Trade preparation

- List documentary requirements
- Classify products for customs
- Export controls & licenses
- Map locations, transport routes

Screening and execution

- Sanctions, PEPs & denied parties
- Existence, ownership, track record
- Credit searches Experian, D&B, etc.

Good practices coincide with requirements of financing, credit insurance and fx

Win contracts

Optimise ongoing financing

Asset finance: Finance leases & vendor finance Mortgage finance Inventory & warehouse finance Working capital facilities **Buyer credit:** Approved payables finance Dynamic discounting Payment / procurement cards **Supplier credit:** Receivables purchase **Factoring & Forfaiting General business finance:** Term loans Bonds Overdrafts Retained profits and equity Credit cards!



Get paid

Payments and Insurance

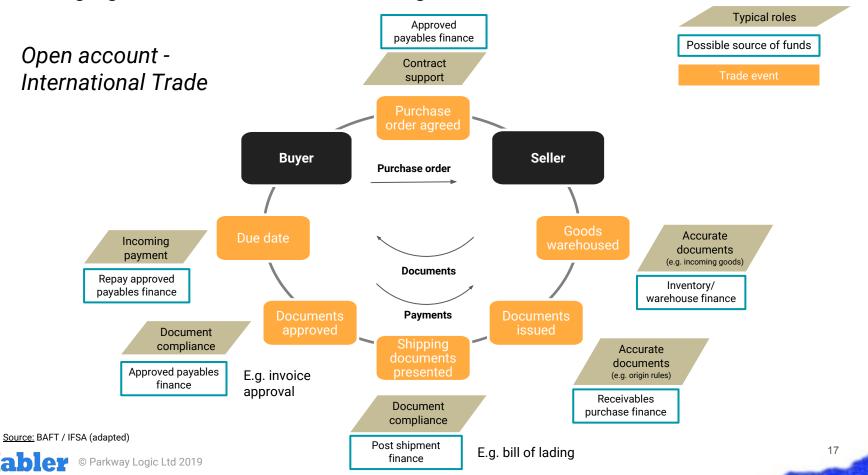
Cross-border payments
FX hedges
Credit insurance
Documentary trade LCs & stand-by
Bank payment obligation & Escrow
Bond insurance
Investment insurance

Fulfil contracts

Contract-specific finance

Pre-shipment or Purchase-order based finance Working capital facilities Bank guarantees and Surety bonds Single invoice discounting LC discounting

Managing documents and/or financing choices



Case study - managing and completing documentation / collaboration

View demo on https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-bofKyf2KT4L0Bu5Ma00gUzq8Xyt0hK9

Shipping documents (5 key ones)

- Commercial invoice
- Certificate of origin
- Bill of lading
- Certificate of conformity / Inspection certificate
- Insurance certificate

Finance

- L/C credit
- Invoice approval
- (Buyer/Seller due diligence docs)

Internal collaborators

- C-level reporting
- Sales, commercial teams cashflow appraisal
- Treasury, tax, other finance hedging,
- Warehouse/logistics packing lists, bills of lading
- Legal import / export controls, licences, insurance
- Technology documentation management, compliance, trade booking

Concluding remarks - Balance automation vs. collaboration

Keep up with changing regulations, market requirements, technological innovation

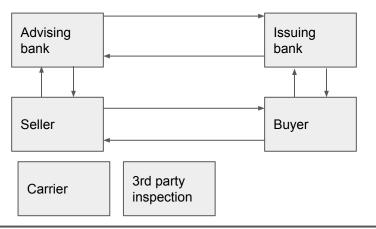
Translate your business needs to a form that finance providers understand

Clearly set out parties' responsibilities (incl. but not limited to Incoterms)

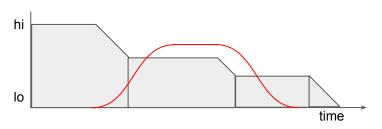
Transparency of transaction progress enhance the digital footprint of your business to make it more bankable

Transaction structure

Box diagram incl. service providers



Estimated payment & risk profile timeline



Further resources

Exabler.com - http://www.exabler.com - Export Map, and GEx explorer https://youtu.be/VgVhTU6043Q

World Bank - Doing business guides http://www.doingbusiness.org/

Chambers of Commerce, DIT, UK Export Finance

Institute of Export and International Trade - training courses, accreditations https://www.export.org.uk/

Freight forwarders (increasingly with digital presence) and Customs brokers

Banks' transaction services; Law firms; Your industry's UK government department

No-deal Brexit resources: https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/providing-services-to-eea-and-efta-countries-after-eu-exit

Q&A