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**CUSTOMS POWER OF ATTORNEY &  
DESIGNATION OF EXPORT FORWARDING AGENT**  
**Please Complete As Appropriate**

EIN/IRS# \_\_\_\_\_

SSN# \_\_\_\_\_

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That, \_\_\_\_\_ doing  
(full name of person, partnership, corporation, or sole proprietorship) (Identify)

business as a \_\_\_\_\_ under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(corporation, individual, sole proprietorship, partnership) (insert one)

residing or having a principal place of business at \_\_\_\_\_,  
(address)

hereby constitutes and

appoints **BGI Worldwide Logistics, Inc.**, its officers, employees, and/or specifically authorized agents, to act for and on its behalf as a true and lawful agent and attorney of the grantor for and in the name, place and stead of said grantor, from this date, in the United States (the "territory") either in writing, electronically, or by other authorized means, to:

Make, endorse, sign, declare, or swear to any customs entry, withdrawal, declaration, certificate, bill of lading, carnet or any other documents required by law or regulation in connection with the importation, exportation, transportation, of any merchandise in or through the customs territory, shipped or consigned by or to said grantor;

To act as the grantor's Importer Security Filing (ISF) "authorized agent" described in Federal Regulations 19CFR §149.5 and transmitting Importer Security Filing (ISF) data elements prescribed in 19CFR §149.3.

Perform any act or condition, which may be required by law or regulation in connection with such merchandise deliverable to said grantor; to receive any merchandise;

Make endorsements on bills of lading conferring authority to transfer title; make entry or collect drawback; and to make, sign, declare or swear to any statement or certificate required by law or regulation for drawback purposes, regardless of whether such document is intended for filing with Customs;

Sign, seal, and deliver for and as the act of said grantor any bond required by law or regulation in connection with the entry or withdrawal of imported merchandise or merchandise exported with or without benefit of drawback, or in connection with the entry, clearance, lading, unloading or navigation of any vessel or other means of conveyance owned or operated by said grantor, and any and all bonds which may be voluntarily given and accepted under applicable laws and regulations, consignee's and owner's declarations provided for in section 485, Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, or affidavits or statements in connection with the entry of merchandise.

Sign and swear to any document and to perform any act that may be necessary or required by law or regulation in connection with the entering, clearing, lading, unloading, or operation of any vessel or other means of conveyance owned or operated by said grantor;



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As shipper/Importer, you are responsible for your merchandise and you must advise us of any special requirements or conditions affecting said merchandise, as in, but not limited to, hazmat handling, labeling, and documentation to determine the proper Customs and other government requirements of you cargo.

Authorize other Customs Brokers duly licensed within the territory to act as grantor’s agent; to receive, endorse and collect checks issued for Customs duty refunds in grantor’s name drawn on the Treasurer of the Untied States; if the grantor is a nonresident of the United States, to accept service of process on behalf of the grantor;

And generally to transact Customs business, including filing of claims or protests under section 514 of the Tariff Act of 1930, or pursuant to other laws of the territories, in which said grantor is or may be concerned or interested and which may properly be transacted or performed by an agent and attorney;

Giving to said agent and attorney full power and authority to do anything whatever requisite necessary to be done in the premises as fully as said grantor could do If present and acting, hereby ratifying and confirming all that the said agent and attorney shall lawfully do by virtue of these presents;

This power of attorney to remain in full force and effect until revocation in writing is duly given to and received by grantee (if the donor of this power of attorney is a partnership, the said power shall in no case have any force or effect in the United States after the expiration of 2 years from the dates of its execution);

Appointment as Forwarding Agent; Grantor authorizes the above grantee to act within the territory as lawful agent and sign or endorse export documents (i.e. commercial invoices, bills of lading, insurance certificates, drafts and any other document) necessary for the completion of an export on grantor’s behalf as may be required under law and regulation in the territory and to appoint forwarding agent’s on grantor’s behalf;

Grantor hereby acknowledges **BGI Worldwide Logistics, Inc.’s**, terms and conditions which are printed below by **BGI Worldwide Logistics, Inc.**, The terms and conditions are in compliance with the terms and conditions adopted by the National Customs Brokers & Forwarders Association of America.

Grantor hereby acknowledges receipt of **BGI Worldwide Logistics, Inc.’s**, terms and conditions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said \_\_\_\_\_  
(Full name of company)

caused these presents to be sealed and signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

by: \_\_\_\_\_ (Print or type name)

(Capacity of individual named above): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If corporation, President, V.P., Treasurer, Secretary, those authorized by the Board of Directors, or any other officer of the corporation)

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

(If you are the importer of record, payment to the broker will not relieve you of liability for U.S. Customs charges (duties, taxes, or other debts owed Customs) in the event the charges are not paid by the broker. Therefore, if you pay by check, Customs charges may be paid with a separate check payable to “U.S. Customs Service” which shall be delivered to Customs by the broker. Importers who wish to utilize this procedure must contact our office in advance to arrange timely receipt of duty checks).

## Terms and Conditions of Service

These terms and conditions of service constitute a legally binding contract between the "Company" and the "Customer". In the event the Company renders services and issues a document containing Terms and Conditions governing such services, the Terms and Conditions set forth in such other document(s) shall govern those services.

### 1. Definitions.

- a. "Company" shall mean BGI Worldwide Logistics, Inc., its subsidiaries, related companies, agents and/or representatives;
- b. "Customer" shall mean the person for which the Company is rendering service, as well as its agents and/or representatives, including, but not limited to, shippers, importers, exporters, carriers, secured parties, warehousemen, buyers and/or sellers, shipper's agents, insurers and underwriters, break-bulk agents, consignees, etc. It is the responsibility of the Customer to provide notice and copy(s) of these terms and conditions of service to all such agents or representatives;
- c. "Documentation" shall mean all information received directly or indirectly from Customer, whether in paper or electronic form;
- d. "Ocean Transportation Intermediaries" ("OTI") shall include an "ocean freight forwarder" and a "non-vessel operating carrier"(NVOCC);
- e. "Third parties" shall include, but not be limited to, the following: "carriers, truckmen, cartmen, lightermen, forwarders, OTIs, customs brokers, agents, warehousemen and others to which the goods are entrusted for transportation, cartage, handling and/or delivery and/or storage or otherwise".

2. **Company as agent** The Company acts as the "agent" of the Customer for the purpose of performing duties in connection with the entry and release of goods, post entry services, the securing of export licenses, the filing of export documentation on behalf of the Customer and other dealings with Government Agencies: as to all other services, Company acts as an independent contractor.

3. **Quotations Not Binding.** Quotations as to fees, rates of duty, freight charges, insurance premiums or other charges given by the Company to the Customer are for informational and estimation purposes only and are subject to change without notice; no quotation shall be binding upon the Company unless the Company in writing agrees to undertake the handling or transportation of the shipment at a specific rate or amount set forth in the quotation and payment arrangements are agreed to between the Company and the Customer.

4. **No Liability for the Selection or Services of Third Parties and/or Routes.** Unless services are performed by persons or firms engaged pursuant to express written instructions from the Customer, Company shall use reasonable care in its selection of third parties, or in selecting the means, route and procedure to be followed in the handling, transportation, clearance and delivery of the shipment; advice by the Company that a particular person or firm has been selected to render services with respect to the goods, shall not be construed to mean that the Company warrants or represents that such person or firm will render such services nor does Company assume responsibility or liability for any actions(s) and/or inaction(s) of such third parties and/or its agents, and shall not be liable for any delay or loss of any kind, which occurs while a shipment is in the custody or control of a third party or the agent of a third party; all claims in connection with the Act of a third party shall be brought solely against such party and/or its agents; in connection with any such claim, the Company shall reasonably cooperate with the Customer, which shall be liable for any charges or costs incurred by the Company.

5. **No Duty to Maintain Records for Customer.** Customer acknowledges that pursuant to Sections 508 and 509 of the Tariff Act, as amended, (19 USC § 1508 and 1509) it has the duty and is solely liable for maintaining all records required under the Customs and/or other Laws and Regulations of the United States; unless otherwise agreed to in writing, the Company shall only keep such records that it is required to maintain by Statute(s) and/or Regulation(s), but not act as a "record keeper" or "recordkeeping agent" for Customer.

6. **Obtaining Binding Rulings, Filing Protests, etc.** Unless requested by Customer in writing and agreed to by Company in writing, Company shall be under no obligation to undertake any pre- or post Customs release action, including, but not limited to, obtaining binding rulings, advising of liquidations, filing of petition(s) and/or protests, etc.

7. **Preparation and Issuance of Bills of Lading.** Where Company prepares and/or issues a bill of lading, Company shall be under no obligation to specify thereon the number of pieces, packages and/or cartons, etc.; unless specifically requested to do so in writing by Customer or its agent and Customer agrees to pay for same, Company shall rely upon and use the cargo weight supplied by Customer.

### 8. Reliance On Information Furnished.

a. Customer acknowledges that it is required to review all documents and declarations prepared and/or filed with the Customs Service, other Government Agency and/or third parties, and will immediately advise the Company of any errors, discrepancies, incorrect statements, or omissions on any declaration filed on Customers behalf;

b. In preparing and submitting customs entries, export declarations, applications, documentation and/or export data to the United States and/or a third party, the Company relies on the correctness of all documentation, whether in written or electronic format, and all information furnished by Customer; Customer shall use reasonable care to insure the correctness of all such information and shall indemnify and hold the Company harmless from any and all claims asserted and/or liability or losses suffered by reason of the Customer's failure to disclose information or any incorrect or false statement by the Customer upon which the Company reasonably relied. The Customer agrees that the Customer has an affirmative non-delegable duty to disclose any and all information required to import, export or enter the goods.

9. **Declaring Higher Value to Third Parties.** Third parties to whom the goods are entrusted may limit liability for loss or damage; the Company will request excess valuation coverage only upon specific written instructions from the Customer, which must agree to pay any charges therefore; in the absence of written instructions or the refusal of the third party to agree to a higher declared value, at Company's discretion, the goods may be tendered to the third party, subject to the terms of the third party's limitations of liability and/or terms and conditions of service.

10. **Insurance.** Unless requested to do so in writing and confirmed to Customer in writing, Company is under no obligation to procure insurance on Customer's behalf; in all cases, Customer shall pay all premiums and costs in connection with procuring requested insurance.

11. **Indemnification/Hold Harmless.** The Customer agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold the Company harmless from any claims and/or liability arising from the importation or exportation of customers merchandise and/or any conduct of the Customer, which violates any Federal, State and/or other laws, and further agrees to indemnify and hold the Company harmless against any and all liability, loss, damages, costs, claims and/or expenses, including but not limited to reasonable attorney's fees, which the Company may hereafter incur, suffer or be required to pay by reason of such claims; in the event that any claim, suit or proceeding is brought against the Company, it shall give notice in writing to the Customer by mail at its address on file with the Company.

### 12. Limitation of Actions.

a. Unless subject to a specific statute or international convention, all claims against the Company for a potential or actual loss, must be made in writing and received by the Company, within (7) seven days of the event giving rise to claim; the failure to give the Customer timely notice shall be a complete defense to any suit or action commenced by Customer.

b. All suits against Company must be filed and properly served on Company as follows:

- i. for claims arising out of ocean transportation, within thirty (30) days from the date of the loss;
- ii. for claims arising out of air transportation, within thirty (30) days from the date of the loss;
- iii. for claims arising out of the preparation and/or submission of an import entry(s), within thirty (30) days from the date of liquidation of the entry(s);
- iv. for any and all other claims of any other type, within thirty (30) days from the date of the loss or damage.

### 13. Disclaimers; Limitation of Liability.

a. Except as specifically set forth herein, Company makes no express or implied warranties in connection with its services;

b. Subject to (c) below, Customer agrees that in connection with any and all services performed by the Company, the Company shall only be liable for its negligent acts, which are the direct and proximate cause of any injury to Customer, including loss or damage to Customer's goods, and the Company shall in no event be liable for the acts of third parties;

c. In connection with all services performed by the Company, Customer may obtain additional liability coverage, up to the actual or declared value of the shipment or transaction, by requesting such coverage and agreeing to make payment therefore, which request must be confirmed in writing by the Company prior to rendering services for the covered transaction(s).

d. In the absence of additional coverage under (b) above, the Company's liability shall be limited to the following:

- i. Where the claim arises from activities other than those relating to customs brokerage, \$50.00 per shipment or transaction, or
- ii. Where the claim arises from activities relating to "Customs business," \$50.00 per entry or the amount of brokerage fees paid to Company for the entry, whichever is less;

e. In no event shall Company be liable or responsible for consequential, indirect, incidental, statutory or punitive damages even if it has been put on notice of the possibility of such damages.

### 14. C.O.D. or Cash Collect Shipments.

Company shall use reasonable care regarding written instructions relating to "Cash/Collect" or "Deliver (C.O.D.)" shipments, bank drafts, cashier's and/or certified checks, letter(s) of credit and other similar payment documents and/or instructions regarding collection of monies but shall not have any liability if the bank or consignee refuses to pay for the shipment.

### 15. Credit Extension and Terms.

All charges must be paid by Customer in advance unless the Company agrees in writing to extend credit to customer; the granting of credit to a Customer in connection with a particular transaction shall not be considered a waiver of this provision by the Company. Further, All shipments are subject to COD until this form is completed in its entirety, and accepted and approved by BGI Worldwide Logistics, Inc. Credit approval and terms will be forwarded by mail to the below signed officer(s). In consideration of credit being extended by BGI Worldwide Logistics, Inc. to the above named applicant for services to be rendered, whether applicant is an Individual or Individuals, a proprietorship, a partnership, a corporation, or other entity, the undersigned guarantor or guarantors each hereby contract and guarantee to complete the faithful payment, when due, of all accounts of said applicant for the payment for services rendered within five years next after the date of this application. The undersigned guarantor or guarantors each hereby expressly waive all notice of acceptance of this guarantee, notice of extension of credit to applicant, presentment, and demand for payment on applicant, protest and notice to undersigned guarantor and guarantors of dishonor or default by applicant or with respect to any security held by BGI Worldwide Logistics, Inc. extension of time of payment to applicant, acceptance of partial payment or partial compromise, and all other notices to which the undersigned guarantor or guarantors might otherwise be entitled and demand for payment under this guarantee. Absent written permission by creditor, this personal guarantee may not be revoked.

16. **Compensation of Company.** The compensation of the Company for all its services shall be included with and is in addition to the rates and charges of all carriers and all other agencies selected by the Company to transport and deal with the goods and such compensation shall be exclusive of any brokerage, commissions, dividends, or other revenue received by the Company from carriers, insurers, and others in connection with the shipment. In any referral for collection or action against the Customer for monies due the Company, upon recovery by the Company, the Customer shall pay the expenses of collection and/or litigation, including all reasonable attorney fees.

17. **Costs of Collection.** In any dispute involving monies owed to Company, the Company shall be entitled to all costs of collection, including reasonable attorney's fees and interest at 15% per annum or the highest rate allowed by law, whichever is less, unless a lower amount is agreed to by Company.

### 18. General Lien and Right to Sell Customer's Property

a. Company shall have a general and continuing lien on any and all property of Customer coming into Company's actual or constructive possession or control for monies owed to Company with regard to the shipment on which the lien is claimed, a prior shipment(s) and/or both;

b. Customer agrees that any and all overdue balances past the agreed terms, and including all liens, are subject to 2% interest per month.

c. Company shall provide written notice to Customer of its intent to exercise such lien, the exact amount of monies due and owing, as well as any on-going storage or other charges; Customer shall notify all parties having an interest in its shipment(s) of Company's rights and/or the exercise of such lien.

d. Unless, within thirty days of receiving notice of lien, Customer posts cash or letter of credit at sight, or, if the amount due is in dispute, an acceptable bond equal to 110% of the value of the total amount due, in favor of Company, guaranteeing payment of the monies owed, plus all storage charges accrued or to be accrued, Company shall have the right to sell such shipment(s) at public or private sale or auction and any net proceeds remaining thereafter shall be refunded to Customer.

19. **No Modification or Amendment Unless Written.** These terms and conditions of service may only be modified, altered or amended in writing signed by both Customer and Company; any attempt to unilaterally modify, alter or amend same shall be null and void.

20. **Severability.** In the event any Paragraph(s) and/or portion(s) hereof is found to be invalid and/or unenforceable, then in such event the remainder hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

### 21. Controversy or Claims.

### 22. Governing Law; Consent to Jurisdiction and Venue.

These terms and conditions of service and the relationship of the parties shall be construed according:

a. to the laws of the States of New York or California without giving consideration to principals of conflict of law.

Customer and Company:

b. irrevocably consents to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court in the State courts of California; city of Long Beach.

c. agrees that any action relating to the services performed by Company shall only be brought in said courts;

d. consent to the exercise of in personam jurisdiction by said courts over it, and further agrees that any action to enforce a judgment may be instituted in any jurisdiction.

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## **INSTRUCTIONS**

Please read these instructions BEFORE you complete the enclosed Customs Power of Attorney

- 1) If you are a corporation, the power of attorney must be completed by an officer. Use complete legal name.
- 2) Along with the POA, please submit copy of the company's articles of incorporation in which the names of the authorized company officials are listed
- 3) If you are an individual owner, give full legal name of company. The name must be complete; abbreviations should be avoided. If you are not operating under your name, state "John Doe D/B/A \_\_\_\_\_", etc.
- 4) If you are a partnership, the full name of each of the general partners should be shown. If there is insufficient room, then an attachment must be made to the power of attorney form. In the case of a limited partnership, only the names of the general partners must be listed.
- 5) Partnerships and individual owners must bear signature of two witnesses.
- 6) Your I.R.S. number and/or social security number must be shown at the top of the power of attorney card.
- 7) Completion of the certification on page #3 of the power of attorney is optional for a domestic corporation and required for all foreign entities. The seal of the corporation is optional but preferred.
- 8) The capacity of the person executing power of attorney must be shown (I.E., president, comptroller, owner.)
- 9) Date power of attorney. (Note: Power of attorney from partnerships is only good for a two-year period from the date on the power of attorney.)
- 10) Customs power of attorney of residents (including resident corporations) shall be without power of substitution except for the purpose of executing shipper's export declarations. However, a power of attorney executed in favor of a license customs broker may specify that the power of attorney is granted to the customs broker to act through any of its licensed officers or any employees specifically authorized to act for such customs broker by power of attorney.

### **Additional Instructions for Non Resident Principals / Foreign Importers**

#### **19CFR 141.36 Nonresident principals in general**

A power of attorney executed by a nonresident principal will not be accepted unless there is a designated resident agent who is authorized to accept service of process against such nonresident principal.

#### **19CFR 141.37 Additional requirements for nonresident corporations**

If a nonresident corporation has not qualified to conduct business under state law, in the state and customs district in which their agent is empowered to perform the delegated authority, the power of attorney shall be supported by documentation establishing the authority of the grantor designated to execute the power of attorney on behalf of the corporation.

#### **19CFR 141.39 Partnerships**

(a)

(1) General. A power of attorney granted by a partnership shall state the names of all members of the partnership. One member of the partnership may execute a power of attorney in the name of the partnership for the transaction of all its Customs business.

(2) Limited partnership. A power of attorney granted by a limited partnership need only state the names of the general partners who have authority to bind the firm unless the partnership agreement provides otherwise. A copy of the partnership agreement must accompany the power of attorney. For this purpose, a partnership or limited partnership means any business association recognized as such under the laws of the state where the association is organized.

(b) Change in partners. When a new firm is formed by a change in membership, no power of attorney filed by the antecedent firm shall thereafter be recognized for any Customs purpose.

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