

Customs

Is your organisation leveraging data to gain insights into customs duty, as well as your patients and customers?

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Patient treatment is becoming increasingly personalised and, as such, more complex. Poor treatment of data means the Life Sciences industry is at risk of losing sight of how products are effectively used. There is a growing trend towards leveraging alternative data sources to offer treatment insights to the industry in a timely and effective manner.

Similarly, your own organisation's trade data can be examined to offer insights into whether your organisation is efficiently managing international trade, is significantly over or underpaying customs duty or is at risk of exposure to penalties.

Customs duty rates are determined by a number of factors. Getting it wrong can be a costly exercise. What is identified locally as a therapeutic good, may be identified as a foodstuff in another jurisdiction, and therefore subject to a different duty rate. Additionally, third parties may not be accurately reporting your imports, leading to under or over payment of duty.

Understanding your trade data can:

- highlight opportunities to claim retrospective refunds;
- identify irregularities and inconsistencies in the data reported to customs authorities;
- identify penalty exposure from underpayments of duty; and
- identify high volume trade lanes for freight negotiation.

Questions to consider

- Have you fully utilised the benefits of Free Trade Agreements and other customs duty concessions?
- How confident are you that you have correctly identified your products customs identity, given not all definitions are consistent worldwide?

- Are customs duty refunds available to the business?
- Do you have confidence that the declarations made to the government are accurate?
- Are your brokers and service providers meeting their contractual obligations to you?
- How are your products valued? And is there a way to legally minimise the value to reduce duty liabilities?

How KPMG can help

- KPMG's Customs Data Analytics tool allows businesses to understand their international trade footprint and gain increased visibility over the trade function.
- KPMG's Customs Data Analytics is designed to identify whether the data reported to customs authorities is incorrect through omission or error. Such errors can increase customs duty liabilities and expose the business to infringement notices, strict liability penalties and prosecution. Rather than wading through physical documents, KPMG's Customs Data Analytics combines sophisticated data analytics software with explorative testing to uncover potential compliance risks and financial opportunities.
- KPMG can help your organisation pay the right amount of duty, not miss opportunities to retrospectively claim refunds, and support development and implementation of safeguards to ensure accurate valuation of goods and use of concessions.

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