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Webinar

NAVIGATING TRADE TURBULENCE:

Tariffs, Automated Commercial
Environment (ACE)

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- Section 122
- CIT/IEEPA Refunds
- Consolidated Administration and Processing of Entries (CAPE)
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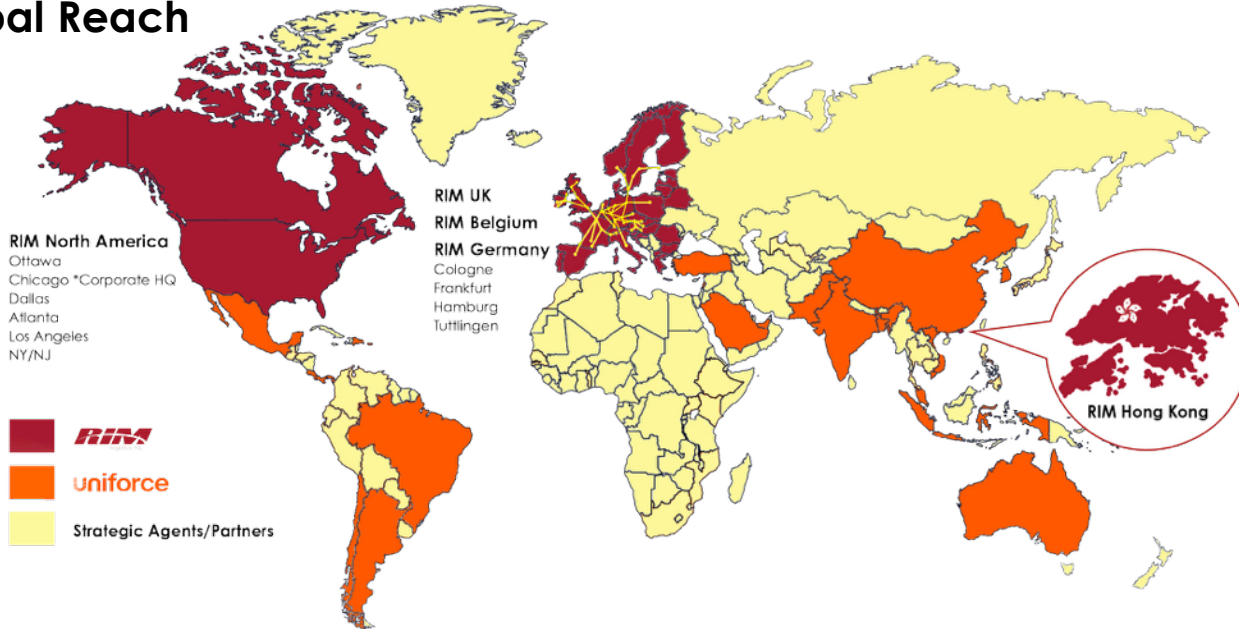
COMPANY OVERVIEW

Founded:
1997

Headquarters:
Bartlett, IL

Facility Size:
350,000
square feet

Global Reach



RIM operates internationally

with offices and facilities in key logistics hubs across the United States, United Kingdom, Germany, Hong Kong, Mexico, and more, supporting a wide network of global trade routes.

<https://www.rimlogistics.com>

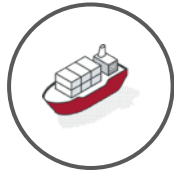
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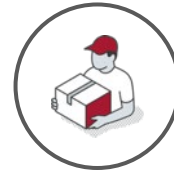
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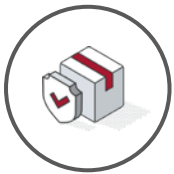
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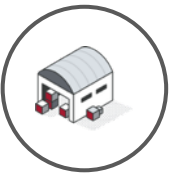
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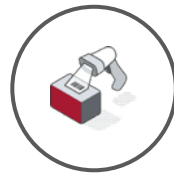
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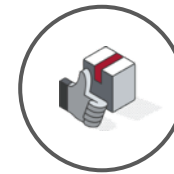
Customs &
Regulatory
Compliance



Warehouse,
Distribution,
Fulfillment



Technology
Solutions



Risk Management
& Insurance

Core Services

- Air & Ocean Freight Forwarding
- Warehousing & Distribution
- Container Freight Station (CFS)
- Customs Compliance & Risk Management
- Technology Solutions



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Core Services

- Export & domestic crating
- On-site packing
- Machinery skidding & heavy lift
- Container loading & securing
- Trade show & electronics crates
- Vapor barrier & preservation solutions

<https://www.intlpackingcrating.com>

RIM RECOGNITION

Crain's Fast Fifty
Chicago's Fastest-Growing Companies
#48 in both 2013 & 2015



President's "E" Award
RIM received the 2013 President's "E" Award for export service.



Presidential Honor Awarded to RIM Logistics ROSELLE, IL.-- (Marketwired – May 20, 2013)
RIM logistics, Ltd. received the 2013 President's "E" Award for export service, in recognition of its continuing support of export growth in the U.S. business community for at least five years.

Crain's Chicago
RIM named as one of largest privately-held corps. in Chicago in 2008.



2008 – BUSINESS WIRE
RIM logistics Ltd, named as one of largest privately held corporations in Chicago,

Diversity MBA
RIM logistics, Ltd. (Rob Mueller) named to Diversity MBA Top 100 Under 50 List in 2015.



September 24, 2015 ROSELLE, III. – (REUTERS)
RIM logistics, Ltd. is proud to announce that it has been named to Diversity MBA 2015 Top 100 Under 50 Diverse Executive & Emerging Leaders list.

RIM RECOGNITION

Fortune

RIM named as one of ten winners of 2017 FORTUNE Partners Top Service Leaders Award.

FORTUNE



Daily Herald

RIM logistics, Ltd. awarded the Entrepreneurial Excellence Award in 2023.



SUPPLY & DEMAND CHAIN

RIM logistics, Ltd. (Sheila Serafin) nominated for the Women in Supply Chain award in 2023 and 2024.



Supreme Court Decision

On February 20th, the Supreme Court ruled that President Donald Trump does not have authority under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) to impose tariffs.

In a 6–3 decision, the Court held that while the statute permits the president to “regulate ... importation” in response to an unusual or extraordinary threat, it does not grant the power to set tariffs.

Chief Justice John Roberts, writing for the majority on the statutory interpretation issue, explained that if Congress had intended to delegate tariff authority under IEEPA, it would have done so explicitly, as it has in other tariff laws.

The Court affirmed the ruling of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and remanded the case to the U.S. Court of International Trade (CIT) to determine whether the lower court may issue a nationwide injunction against tariffs imposed pursuant to IEEPA.

Speaking at a White House press briefing following the ruling, the President stated that he intends to sign an executive order today “to impose a 10% global tariff under Section 122, over and above our normal tariffs already being charged,” signaling an immediate effort to reestablish his tariff program under an alternative statutory authority.

SECT 122

In response to the Supreme Court decision invalidating his use of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) as a basis for tariff measures, President Donald Trump announced that he will instead rely on Section 122 of the Trade Act of 1974 to impose a 10 percent across-the-board global tariff on imports, in addition to existing duties.

On February 23rd, 2026, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) provided guidance to the trade [CSMS # 67844987](#) regarding the February 20th, 2026 Presidential proclamation, “Imposing a Temporary Import Surcharge to Address Fundamental International Payments Problems,” issued pursuant to Section

122 of the Trade Act of 1974 (Section 122), which imposed an additional 10% ad valorem duty on imported articles of every country for a period of 150 days, unless specifically exempt.

Application of Additional Duty Rates Under Section 122

For articles that are the product of any country entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 AM EST on February 24th, 2026, and through 12:01 AM EST on July 24th, 2026, the 10% additional duty rate applies under heading 9903.03.01

Court of international trade (CIT) / International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) REFUNDS

On March 4th, 2026, the US Court of International Trade (CIT) ordered US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to begin automatically refunding duties collected under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA). The order applies broadly to all importers that paid IEEPA duties.

“Liquidation” refers to the final calculation of duties on an entry and typically occurs around **314 days after entry**, although some entries subject to IEEPA duties have liquidated earlier.

Several issues remain unresolved, including the scope of entries where liquidation is considered “not final” (final liquidation is defined as more than 180 days after the date of liquidation {i.e., the protest deadline}) and whether entries that have already become final will be eligible for relief. Importers with entries approaching the 180-day protest deadline may wish to consider filing protests to preserve potential refund rights although based on the order, this may not be necessary because CBP has been instructed to re-liquidate entries are not yet final.

Consolidated Administration and Processing of Entries (CAPE)

On March 12th, Brandon Lord, Executive Director of Trade Programs at CBP, filed an update and provided an outline of its ACE IEEPA refund programming progress to the CIT

Consolidated Administration and Processing of Entries (CAPE)

- This new ACE functionality will serve as the entry point for Importers and Customer Brokers to submit IEEPA refund requests to CBP.
- CBP is designing CAPE with four integrated components:
 - Claim Portal,
 - Mass Processing,
 - Review and Liquidation/Reliquidation, and
 - Refund.

- As of March 11; per Brandon Lord;
 - The Claim Portal component is 70% complete.
 - Mass Processing component is 40% complete.
 - Review and Liquidation/Reliquidation component is 80% complete
 - Refund component is 60% complete

"CBP has indicated that the initial phase of CAPE development will be able to process most formal and informal entries where IEEPA duties were paid. However, certain entries will be excluded, including unliquidated entries subject to antidumping or countervailing duties, entries with ACE liquidation statuses of "Suspended," "Extended," or "Under Review," and certain entry types such as warehouse withdrawals or entries tied to drawback claims. CBP stated that additional guidance will be provided to users as each phase of CAPE development is implemented.

Automated commercial environment (ACE)

US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) invites all importers to establish an Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) Portal.

A secure data portal account is offered free of charge. As an ACE Portal account holder, importers can run customized transactional, liquidation, and financial reports (effective tools in making real-time business decisions) and track import activity in a single, comprehensive, account-based view.

An introduction to the ACE Portal can be found [here](#), and detailed instructions on creating an account and completing the application process can be found [here](#).

Applying for an Account

Step 1: Identify Sub-account Type

Determine which Sub-Account Type your company will need based on your business activity. See Sub-Account Types section of our [Introduction to an ACE Secure Data Portal Account](#) page for details.

Step 2: Designate an Account Owner

Select an individual, or entity, who will serve as the manager of your corporate account.

Please note: Account Owners are not required to be the owner of the company.

Step 3: Apply

Complete applicable application method below:

- [Protest Filers](#): Apply here ([How to Apply for an ACE Protest Filer Account Form video](#))
- [Exporters](#): Apply here ([How to Apply for an ACE Export Account video](#))
- [Importers](#): Apply here
- [Automated ACE Portal Account Application for Importers guide](#)
- This application is ONLY for trade parties with an existing CBP Form 5106 (5106 record) on file with CBP and without existing ACE Portal account access

ACH refunds & ACE

As of February 6th, 2026, US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) began issuing all refunds electronically via Automated Clearing House (ACH) (subject to limited exceptions), as announced in the Electronic Refunds Interim Final Rule published January 2nd, 2026 in the Federal Register ([FR Document 2025-24171](#)).

Importers must **enroll for ACH refunds through the CBP ACE Portal**. Refunds cannot be issued until this process has been completed and banking information has been properly established within the portal.

Only 6% of importers that have paid IEPA duties have completed the set-up process in ACE to get those payments.

2,897 importers with 7,700 refunds have not been paid because they didn't make it possible for CBP to send a direct deposit.

As of March 4, 2026, over 330,000 importers have made a total of over 53 million entries in which they have deposited or paid an estimated \$166 billion in duties imposed pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act ("IEEPA.")

**SECT 301
Investigations
launched
March 11,
2026**

U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer said the U.S. has launched an investigation on countries where there is evidence that they have "structural excess capacity and production in various manufacturing sectors," to substantiate such evidence and calculate the burden that places on U.S. commerce. He said some of the evidence that China, the EU, Japan, South Korea, Mexico, Indonesia, India, Thailand, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Norway, Cambodia, Vietnam, Taiwan, Switzerland and Singapore may have structural excess capacity includes "large and persistent trade surpluses, their bilateral trade surplus with the United States."

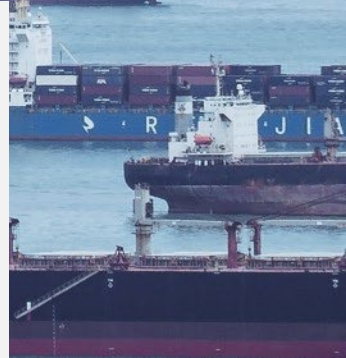
"An illustrative list of sectors plagued by excess capacity and production includes aluminum, automobiles, batteries, cement, chemicals, electronics, energy goods, glass, machine tools, machinery, non-ferrous metals, paper, plastics, processed food and beverages, robotics, satellites, semiconductors, ships, solar modules, steel, and transportation equipment. In many of these sectors, the United States has lost substantial domestic production capacity or has fallen worryingly behind foreign competitors."

Docket No. USTR-2026-0067 and USTR-2026-0068



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Q&A

What questions do you have?



RESOURCES

[Sign up for CSMS Messages](#)

[CBP IEEPA FAQs](#)

[The White House](#)

[ACE PORTAL APPLICATION](#)



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