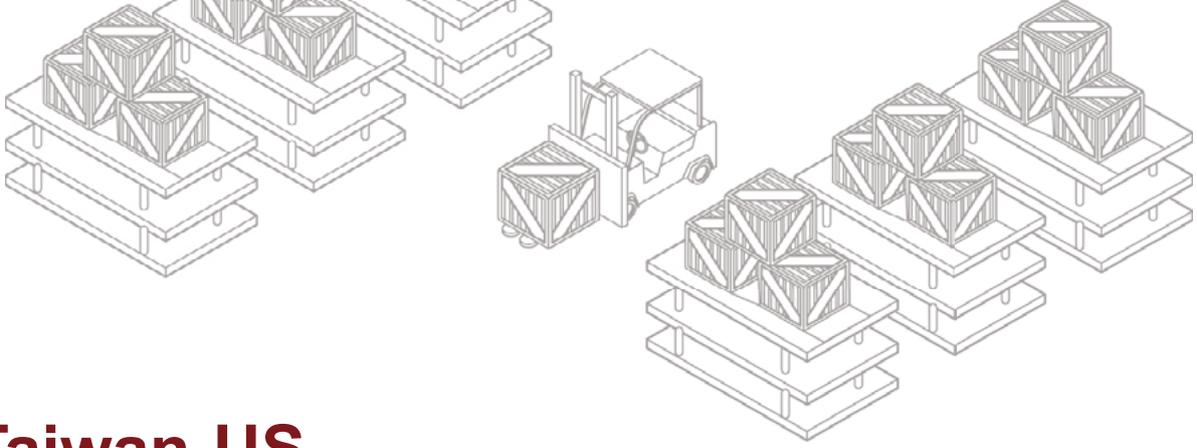


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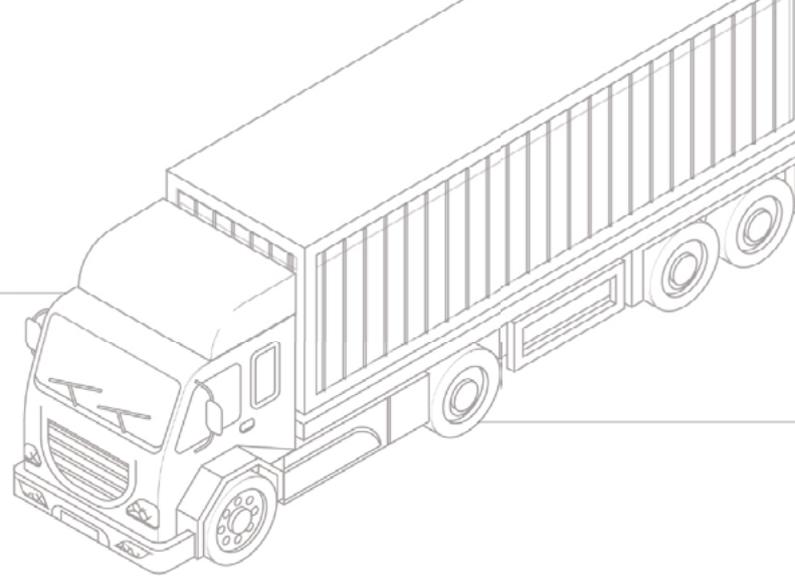
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To strengthen Taiwan-U.S. economic and trade relations, the first agreement under the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade officially entered into force on December 10, 2024. This agreement includes a dedicated chapter on Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), under which both sides have committed to establishing a cooperation mechanism to share business-related information and enhance trade, investment, and collaboration opportunities for SMEs from both countries.

According to data from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), in 2023, there were approximately 33.27 million small businesses in the United States, accounting for 99.9% of all businesses and employing about 61.61 million people, or 45.9% of the private sector workforce. Meanwhile, Taiwan's 2024 White Paper on Small and Medium Enterprises, published by the Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA), reports that Taiwan had over 1.67 million SMEs in 2023—a record high—representing over 98% of all enterprises. These SMEs employed more than 9.16 million people, or nearly 80% of the national workforce. These figures underscore the critical role SMEs play in driving economic development, maintaining social stability, and creating employment in both countries.

This handbook is structured around key themes that align with SME export needs. It provides a one-stop resource toolkit with links to relevant Taiwanese government websites, enabling SMEs to more easily access up-to-date information on exporting to, investing in, and doing business in the United States.

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# EXPORT

# 01 Introduction to the U.S. Market

This section compiles information on the investment environments of individual U.S. states, national trade data, and other related resources to help SMEs better understand the U.S. trade and investment landscape.

## Introduction to the U.S. Market

### ◆ Taiwan Resources

Taiwan - U.S. Business Alliance

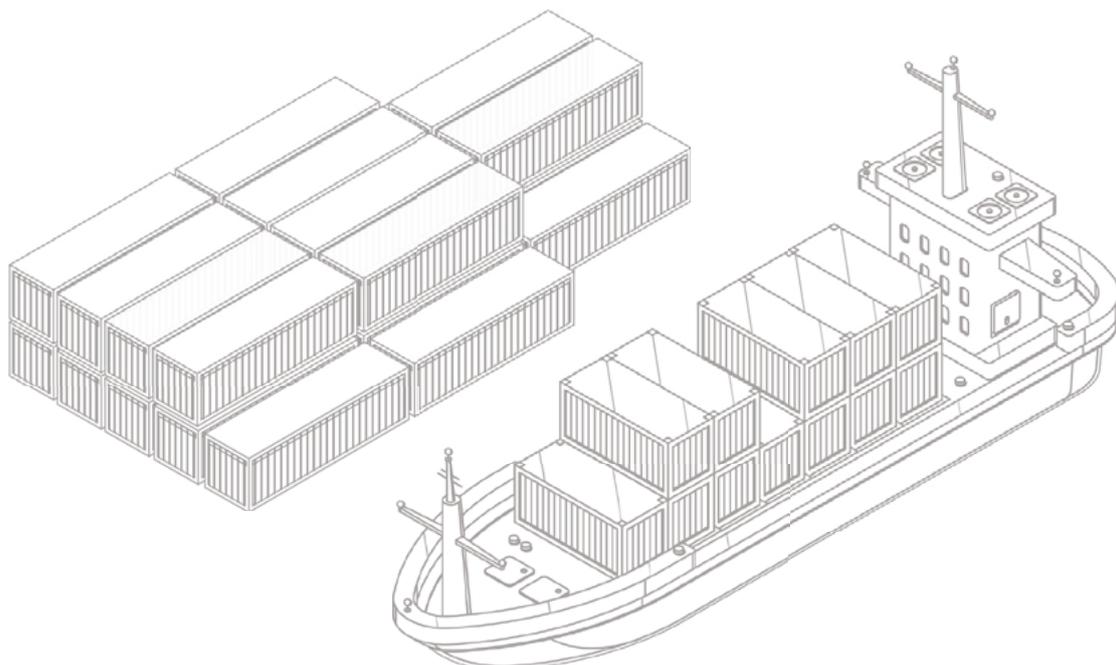
<https://taiwan-usa.taiwantrade.com/en/>

## Introduction to Taiwan Market

### ◆ Taiwan Resources

Taiwan Country Commercial Guide

<https://www.trade.gov/taiwan-country-commercial-guide>



# 02 Export Assessment and Preparation

This section compiles export information from relevant government agencies, covering topics from business registration and tax information to export inspections and quarantine. It is intended to assist SMEs in Taiwan in understanding the export process and relevant regulations, facilitating market research and the planning of market entry strategies.

## Export Assessment and Preparation

### ◆ Taiwan Regulations

#### Business Registration Procedures

<https://gcis.nat.gov.tw/mainNew/English/classEnAction.do?method=getFile&pk=1>

#### Exporter/Importer Registration System

<https://fbfh.trade.gov.tw/fb/web/homef.do>

#### Statistical Data

<https://eng.stat.gov.tw/>

<https://www.mof.gov.tw/Eng/htmlList/6636>

<https://cpx.cbc.gov.tw/Tree/TreeSelect?mp=2>

### ◆ Corresponding U.S. Website

#### How to Start and Fund Your Own Business

<https://www.usa.gov/start-business#item-35682>

#### Export License Permit

<https://www.usa.gov/export-license-permit>

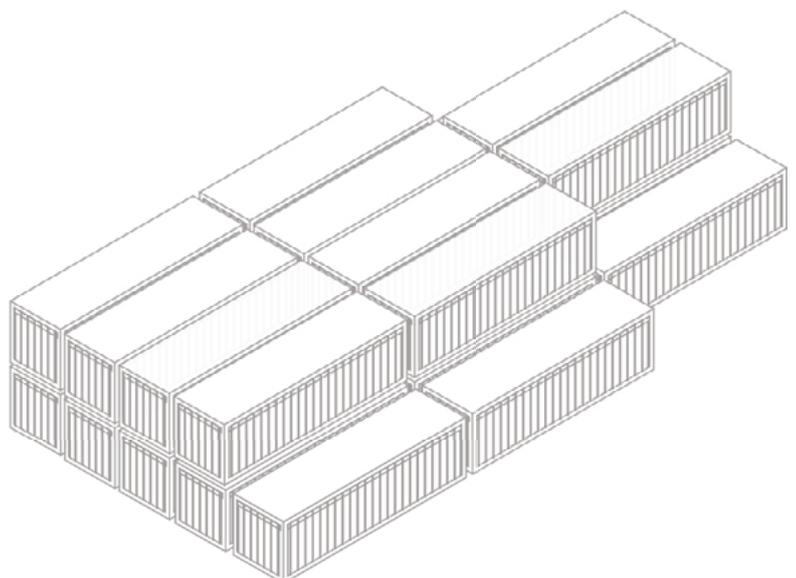
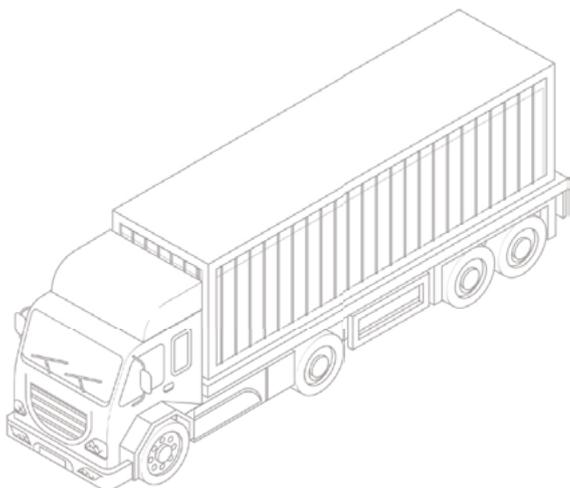
<https://www.trade.gov/us-export-licenses-navigating-issues-and-resources>

#### United States Census Bureau Statistical Data

[https://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/Press-Release/current\\_press\\_release/index.html](https://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/Press-Release/current_press_release/index.html)

#### Small Business International Trade Tools

<https://www.sba.gov/business-guide/grow-your-business/export-products/trade-tools-international-sales>



## Customs Regulations and Regulatory Procedures

### ◆ Taiwan Regulations

#### Customs Authorities

Customs Administration, MOF

<https://web.customs.gov.tw/en/>

Keelung Customs

<https://web.customs.gov.tw/ekeelung/>

Taipei Customs

<https://web.customs.gov.tw/etaipei/>

Taichung Customs

<https://web.customs.gov.tw/etaichung/>

Kaohsiung Customs

<https://web.customs.gov.tw/ekaohsiung/>

#### Customs Clearance Procedure Information

Customs Declaration Handbook for Pre-Export Declaration of Goods  
(Export Section)

[https://web.customs.gov.tw/en/singlehtml/3338?cntId=cus16\\_3338\\_3338\\_1432](https://web.customs.gov.tw/en/singlehtml/3338?cntId=cus16_3338_3338_1432)

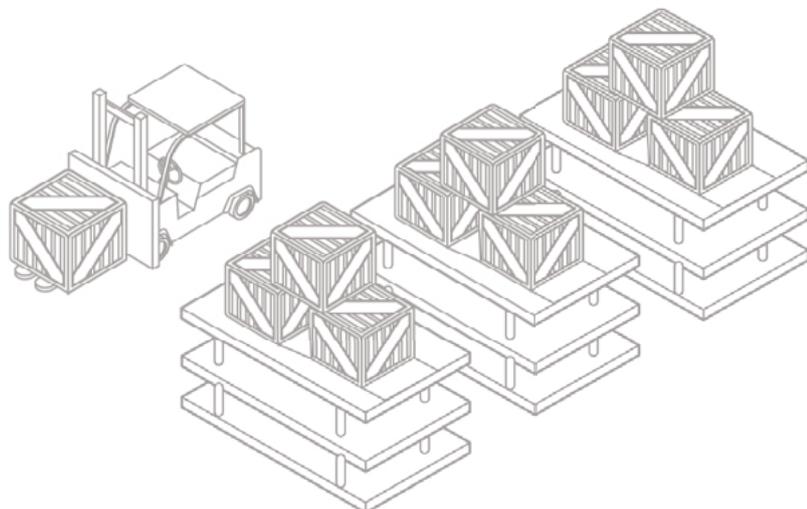
Customs Administration Website (FAQs)

<https://web.customs.gov.tw/en/multiplehtml/1865>

#### Intellectual Property Rights

Intellectual Property Regulations and Procedures

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/en/tipo2>



## Customs Law and Regulations

### Customs Act

<https://law.moj.gov.tw/ENG/LawClass/LawAll.aspx?pcode=G0350001>

### Enforcement Rules of the Customs Act

<https://law.moj.gov.tw/ENG/LawClass/LawAll.aspx?pcode=G0350002>

### Regulations Governing The Implementation Of Automated Cargo Clearance Procedures

<https://law.moj.gov.tw/ENG/LawClass/LawAll.aspx?pcode=G0350044>

### Regulations Governing Collection Of Customs Service Fees

<https://law.moj.gov.tw/ENG/LawClass/LawAll.aspx?pcode=G0350025>

### Implementation Regulations Governing the Operation of Customs-Port-Trade (CPT) Single Window

<https://law.moj.gov.tw/ENG/LawClass/LawAll.aspx?pcode=G0350070>

### Regulations Governing Customs Clearance Procedures for Air Express Consignments

<https://law.moj.gov.tw/ENG/LawClass/LawAll.aspx?pcode=G0350064>

### Regulations Governing the Pre-entry Customs Declaration of Import/Export Goods

<https://law.moj.gov.tw/ENG/LawClass/LawAll.aspx?pcode=G0350012>

### Regulations Governing Customs Clearance Procedures for Importing and Exporting Postal Parcels

<https://law.moj.gov.tw/ENG/LawClass/LawAll.aspx?pcode=G0350072>

## ◆ Corresponding U.S. Website

### U.S. Customs and Border Protection

<https://www.cbp.gov/trade>

### Services for Current Exporters

<https://www.trade.gov/services-current-exporters>

### U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)

<https://www.cpsc.gov/>

### Bureau of Industry and Security - Published Regulations

<https://www.bis.gov/regulations/ear>

### United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)

<https://www.uspto.gov/>

## Import and Export Regulations

### ◆ Taiwan Regulations

#### Foreign Trade Act

<https://law.moj.gov.tw/ENG/LawClass/LawAll.aspx?pcode=J0090004>

#### Taiwan Food and Drug Administration

<https://www.fda.gov.tw/ENG/index.aspx>

#### Website of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Agency, Ministry of Agriculture

<https://www.aphia.gov.tw/en/>

#### Import Quarantine Zone

<https://www.aphia.gov.tw/en/ws.php?id=5766>

#### Commodity Data Sheet

[https://fbfh.trade.gov.tw/fh/ap/queryCCCRRegFormf\\_e.do](https://fbfh.trade.gov.tw/fh/ap/queryCCCRRegFormf_e.do)

#### Regulations Governing Export of Commodities

<https://law.moj.gov.tw/ENG/LawClass/LawAll.aspx?pcode=J0090008>

#### Electronic Visa System for Export/Import of Commodities

[https://cfgate.trade.gov.tw/boft\\_pw/PW/login\\_e.jsp](https://cfgate.trade.gov.tw/boft_pw/PW/login_e.jsp)

#### Online System for Certificates of Origin and Certificates of Processing

<https://cocp.trade.gov.tw/tbmc/Login.jsp>

#### CPT Single Window Homepage (Tariffs and Rates)

<https://gov.tw/MCu>

### ◆ Corresponding U.S. Website

#### Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture

<https://www.fsis.usda.gov/inspection>

#### Certification of Origin Template

<https://www.cbp.gov/document/guidance/certification-origin-template>

#### Agricultural Commodity Import Requirements (ACIR)

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant-imports>

#### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service - Regulations on Animal and Animal Products

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal-product-import>

#### Export Certification FAQs

<https://www.fda.gov/food/food-export-certificates/export-certification-faqs#verification>

#### Harmonized System (HS) Codes

<https://www.trade.gov/harmonized-system-hs-codes>

# 03 Assistance for SMEs

This section compiles export trade, financing solutions, and investment regulations for SMEs in Taiwan to help them access trade assistance resources.

## Financing and Loans

### Taiwan Resources

#### Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Financing Program

<https://www.sme.gov.tw/category-en-2457>

#### Financial Assistance

<https://www.trade.gov.tw/english/Pages/Detail.aspx?nodeID=4620&pid=743345>

### Corresponding U.S. Website

International Trade Administration,  
U.S. Department of Commerce:  
Obtaining Finance

<https://www.trade.gov/finance>

Export-Import Bank of the United  
States

<https://www.exim.gov/solutions#by-need>

## Business Expansion Category

### Taiwan Resources

#### Assistance for Exporting Companies (Export Expansion and Subsidy Resources)

<https://www.trade.gov.tw/english/Pages/List.aspx?nodeID=85>

#### Taiwan Trade Portal (Your Gateway to Trade with Taiwan)

<https://www.taiwantrade.com>

#### Taiwan International Trade Shows

[https://www.taiwantradeshows.com.tw/en\\_US/index.html](https://www.taiwantradeshows.com.tw/en_US/index.html)

### Corresponding U.S. Website

eCommerce and Digitalization Strategy

<https://www.trade.gov/ecommerce>

Trade Shows

<https://www.trade.gov/trade-shows>

## Legal and Regulatory Category

### ◆ Taiwan Resources

**Department of Investment Review, MOEA: Foreign and Overseas Compatriots Capital Investments in Taiwan**

[https://www.moea.gov.tw/Mns/dir\\_e/Investment/DirApply\\_En.aspx?kind=A&menu\\_id=42922](https://www.moea.gov.tw/Mns/dir_e/Investment/DirApply_En.aspx?kind=A&menu_id=42922)

**Ministry of Labor: Employment of Foreign Workers in Taiwan**

<https://fw.wda.gov.tw/wda-employer/home/index?locale=en>

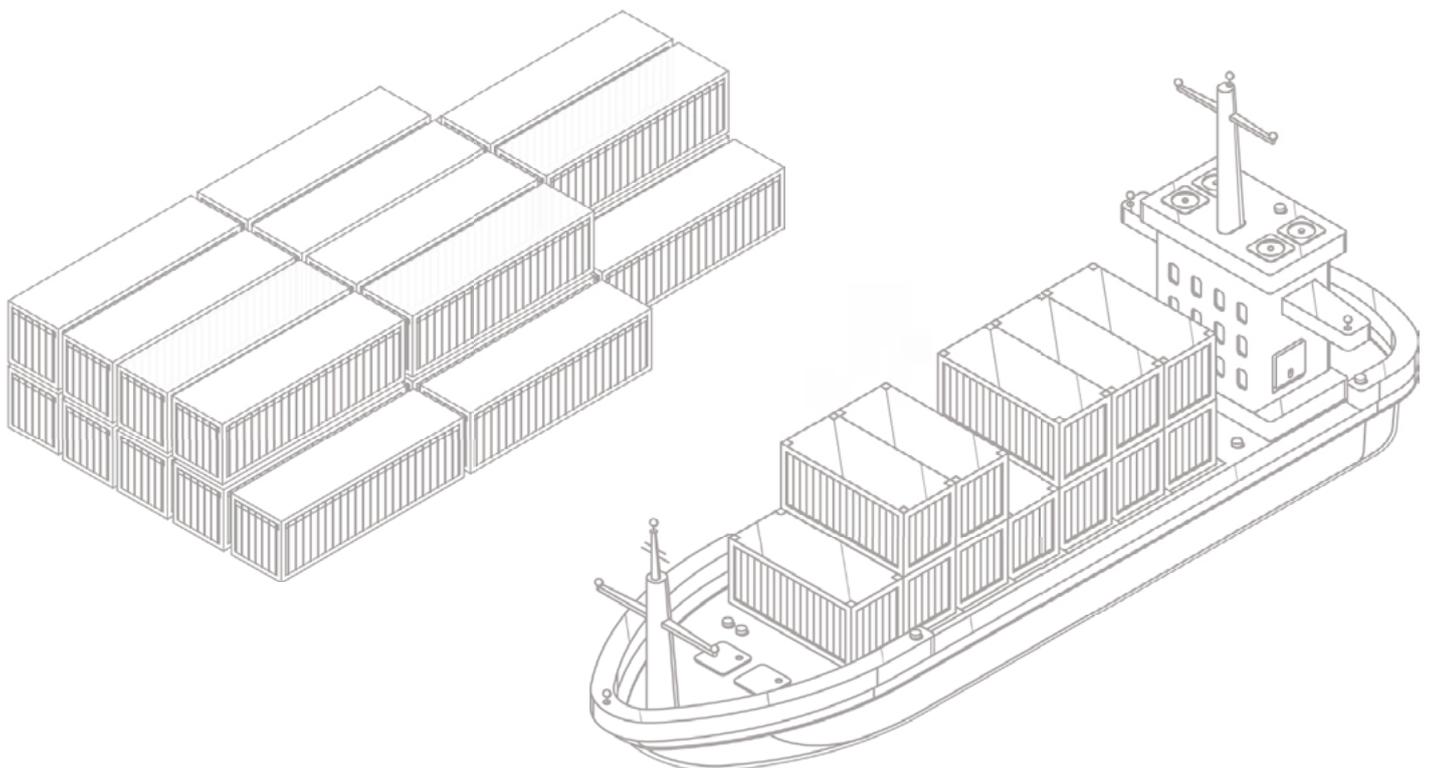
### ◆ Corresponding U.S. Website

**SelectUSA**

<https://www.trade.gov/selectusa-home>

**The Select USA Investor Guide**

<https://www.trade.gov/sites/default/files/2021-05/SelectUSA%20Investor%20Guide.pdf>



# 04 Startups, Women, and Indigenous Peoples

This section compiles resources aimed at assisting startups, women entrepreneurs, and indigenous people, including counseling, business plans, accelerators, and other relevant support.

## Startups

### ◆ Taiwan Resources

#### Startup Portal

<https://startup.sme.gov.tw/home/>

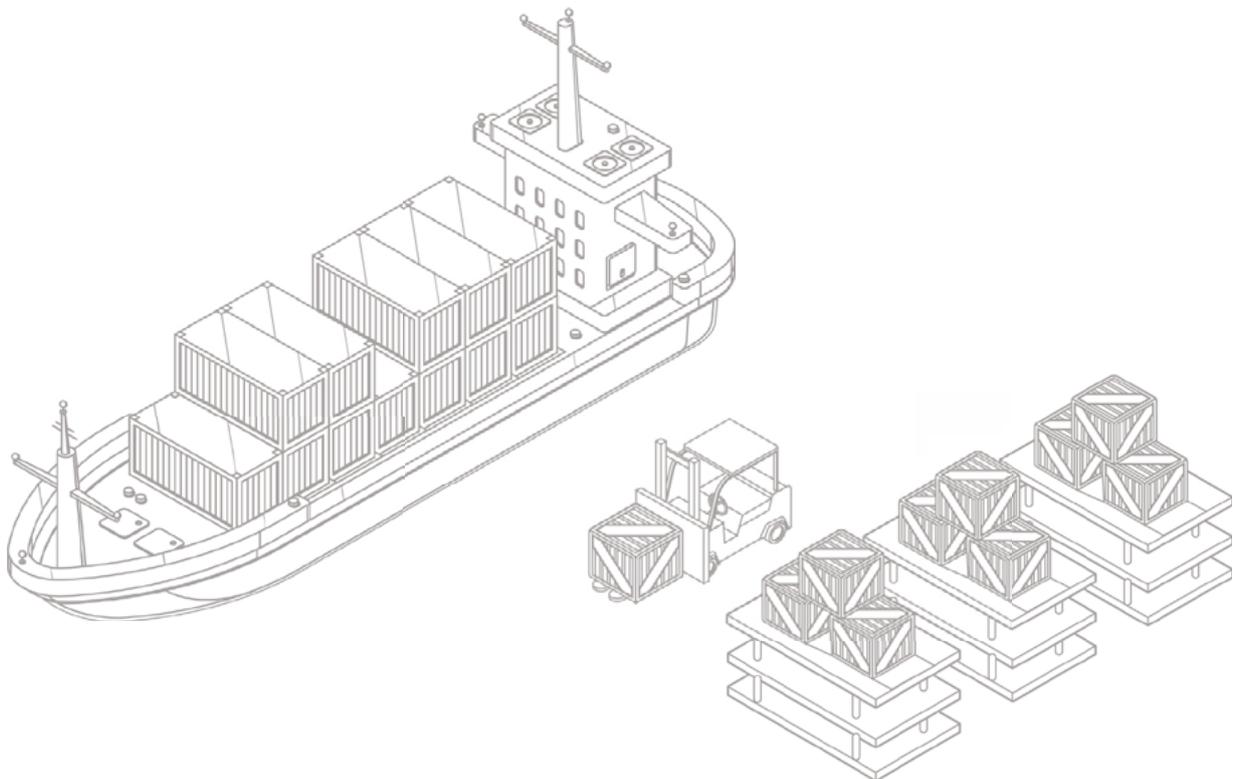
#### Business Angel Investment Program, National Development Fund, Executive Yuan

<https://www.angelinvestment.org.tw/>

### ◆ Corresponding U.S. Website

#### SelectUSA

<https://www.trade.gov/selectusa-home>



## Women

### ◆ Taiwan Resources

#### Women Entrepreneurship Program

<https://woman.sme.gov.tw/womanEn/Default.aspx>

#### Phoenix Micro Business Start-up Program

<https://www.wda.gov.tw/en/cp.aspx?n=79E549FB543625C1>

### ◆ Corresponding U.S. Website

#### Ascent: A Free Learning Platform for Women Entrepreneurs

<https://ascent.sba.gov/>

#### Womens Global Trade Empowerment Program

<https://cldp.doc.gov/category/areas-expertise/womens-economic-empowerment?q=/category/areas-expertise/womens-economic-empowerment&page=3>

#### National Women's Business Council

<https://www.nwbc.gov/>

#### Enterprising Women of Color Initiative (EWOC)

<https://www.mbda.gov/business-resources>

#### Women-Owned Businesses Guide designed by Small Business Administration (SBA)

[www.sba.gov/women](http://www.sba.gov/women)

## Indigenous Peoples

### ◆ Taiwan Resources

#### Council of Indigenous Peoples - Economic Development

<https://www.cip.gov.tw/en/index.html>

### ◆ Corresponding U.S. Website

#### Office of Native American Affairs (ONAA)

<https://www.sba.gov/business-guide/grow-your-business/native-american-owned-businesses#section-head>

#### Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA)

<https://www.mbda.gov/>

# 05 Connecting to U.S. Network Resources

This section compiles information about Taiwan's partnership with the United States and overseas liaison organizations. It serves as a resource for Taiwanese SMEs in accessing network resources in the United States. Additionally, it provides links to industry associations' websites based on export industry data compiled by the Ministry of Finance, serving as a reference for small business owners in Taiwan.

## MOEA representative offices in Various U.S. States

### ◆ Taiwan Resources

**Taiwan Investment and Trade Offices in the United States (located at New York)**

[https://www.taiwanembassy.org/usnyc\\_en/post/91.html](https://www.taiwanembassy.org/usnyc_en/post/91.html)

**Economic Division of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (located at Washington, D.C.)**

[https://www.taiwanembassy.org/us\\_en/cat/92.html](https://www.taiwanembassy.org/us_en/cat/92.html)

**Economic Division of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Los Angeles**

[https://www.roc-taiwan.org/uslax\\_en/post/48.html](https://www.roc-taiwan.org/uslax_en/post/48.html)

**Economic Division of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago**

[https://www.roc-taiwan.org/uschi\\_en/post/22.html](https://www.roc-taiwan.org/uschi_en/post/22.html)

**Economic Division of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston**

[https://www.roc-taiwan.org/ushou\\_en/post/16.html](https://www.roc-taiwan.org/ushou_en/post/16.html)

**Economic Division of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta**

[https://www.taiwanembassy.org/usatl\\_en/post/36.html](https://www.taiwanembassy.org/usatl_en/post/36.html)

**Taipei Economic and Cultural Offices in San Francisco Representing the Ministry of Economic Affairs**

[https://www.taiwanembassy.org/ussfo\\_en/post/1776.html](https://www.taiwanembassy.org/ussfo_en/post/1776.html)

### ◆ Corresponding U.S. Website

**International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce**

<https://www.trade.gov/>

**Small Business Administration**

<https://www.sba.gov/>

## MOFA representative offices in Various U.S. States

### 🏠 Taiwan Resources

**Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (located at Washington, D.C.)**

[https://www.taiwanembassy.org/us\\_en/index.html](https://www.taiwanembassy.org/us_en/index.html)

**Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Denver**

[https://www.roc-taiwan.org/usden\\_en/index.html](https://www.roc-taiwan.org/usden_en/index.html)

**Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Seattle**

[https://www.roc-taiwan.org/ussea\\_en/index.html](https://www.roc-taiwan.org/ussea_en/index.html)

**Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in San Francisco**

[https://www.roc-taiwan.org/ussfo\\_en/index.html](https://www.roc-taiwan.org/ussfo_en/index.html)

**Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York**

[https://www.roc-taiwan.org/usnyc\\_en/index.html](https://www.roc-taiwan.org/usnyc_en/index.html)

**Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Miami**

[https://www.roc-taiwan.org/usmia\\_en/index.html](https://www.roc-taiwan.org/usmia_en/index.html)

**Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Los Angeles**

[https://www.roc-taiwan.org/uslax\\_en/index.html](https://www.roc-taiwan.org/uslax_en/index.html)

**Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston**

[https://www.roc-taiwan.org/ushou\\_en/index.html](https://www.roc-taiwan.org/ushou_en/index.html)

**Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu**

[https://www.roc-taiwan.org/ushnl\\_en/index.html](https://www.roc-taiwan.org/ushnl_en/index.html)

**Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago**

[https://www.roc-taiwan.org/uschi\\_en/index.html](https://www.roc-taiwan.org/uschi_en/index.html)

**Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston**

[https://www.roc-taiwan.org/usbos\\_en/index.html](https://www.roc-taiwan.org/usbos_en/index.html)

## TAITRA representative offices in Various U.S. States

### 🏠 Taiwan Resources

**Taiwan External Trade Development Council**

<https://www.taitra.org.tw/en>

**Taiwan Trade Center, New York**

<https://newyork.taiwantrade.com/home>

**Taiwan Trade Center, San Francisco**

<https://sf.taiwantrade.com/home>

**Taiwan Trade and Investment Service Center, Dallas**

<https://dallas.taiwantrade.com/home>

**Taiwan Trade Center, Los Angeles**

<https://la.taiwantrade.com/home>

**Taiwan Trade Center, Chicago**

<https://chicago.taiwantrade.com/home>

## Overseas Community Affairs Council representative offices in Various U.S. States

### 🏠 Taiwan Resources

#### Overseas Community Affairs Council (OCAC)

<https://www.ocac.gov.tw/OCAC/Eng/>

#### OCAC in DC

<https://www.ocac.gov.tw/OCAC/SubSites/Home.aspx?site=cac08b4d-90f6-42ea-a535-18713f0724a4>

#### OCAC in Atlanta

<https://www.ocac.gov.tw/OCAC/SubSites/Home.aspx?site=b09686fd-4fea-4ad2-9fdb-892238e207d6>

#### OCAC in Boston

<https://www.ocac.gov.tw/OCAC/SubSites/Home.aspx?site=d51f7216-fecb-471d-a66e-0a4863f5343f>

#### OCAC in Chicago

<https://www.ocac.gov.tw/OCAC/SubSites/Home.aspx?site=d8b2e08f-ffe2-4b54-92de-b5b0b6343ab3>

#### OCAC in Houston

<https://www.ocac.gov.tw/OCAC/SubSites/Home.aspx?site=eec12bbb-6df6-412f-bc87-45d0798c25eb>

#### OCAC in Los Angeles

<https://www.ocac.gov.tw/OCAC/SubSites/Home.aspx?site=1756a8a3-884e-45eb-bd26-47cdb8b9d197>

#### OCAC in Orange County

<https://www.ocac.gov.tw/OCAC/SubSites/Home.aspx?site=f3f3b03b-a695-47d0-b53a-59f732af67f7>

#### OCAC in New York

<https://www.ocac.gov.tw/OCAC/SubSites/Home.aspx?site=4f2460a2-3df4-44b1-b303-a8bc519c9ca8>

#### OCAC in San Francisco

<https://www.ocac.gov.tw/OCAC/SubSites/Home.aspx?site=875142bc-6845-4686-bc02-23d6d5dddc2d>

#### OCAC in Milpitas

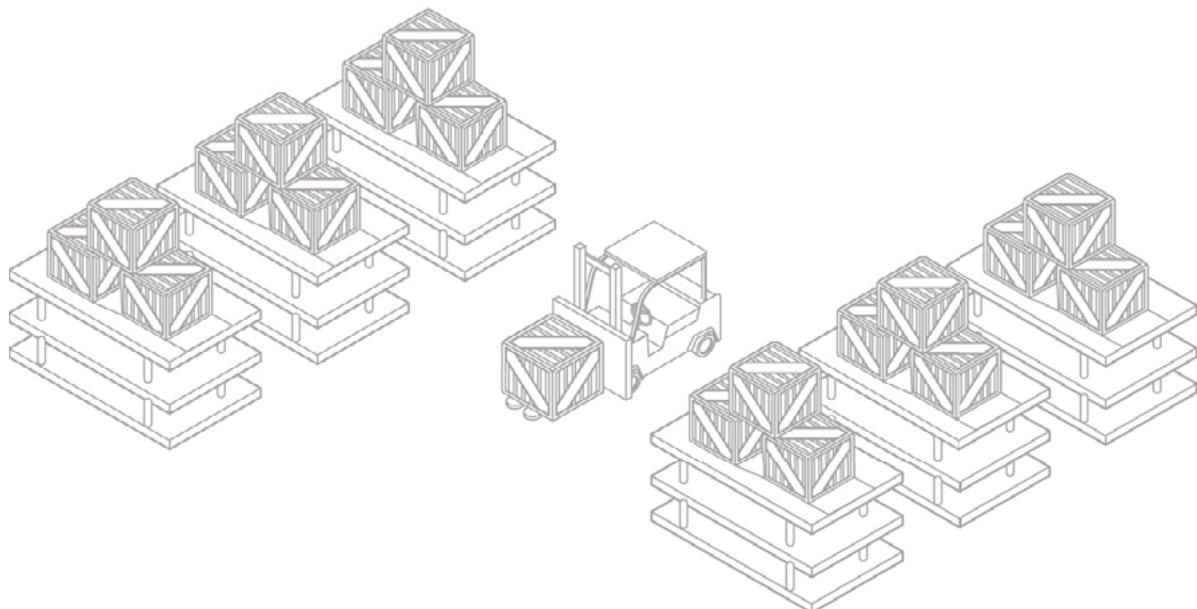
<https://www.ocac.gov.tw/OCAC/SubSites/Home.aspx?site=535fa575-c10b-49b8-93f5-8670c052b722>

#### OCAC in Seattle

<https://www.ocac.gov.tw/OCAC/SubSites/Home.aspx?site=9e8ad3f7-a568-4913-94c5-7bf6e4db81e3>

#### OCAC in Miami

<https://www.ocac.gov.tw/OCAC/SubSites/Home.aspx?site=467b070a-2bd6-4c67-b5b9-5e4d682fae23>



## Associations

### ◆ Taiwan Resources

**Chinese National Federation of Industries**

<http://www.cnfi.org.tw/front/bin/cglist.phtml?Category=100077>

**Taipei Electronic Components Suppliers' Association**

<https://www.tecsa.org.tw/en>

**Taiwan Association of Machinery Industry**

<https://www.tami.org.tw/>

**Taiwan Machine Tool & Accessory Builders' Association**

<https://www.tmba.org.tw/en>

**Taiwan Rubber & Elastomer Industries Association**

<http://www.treia.org.tw/en01.php>

**Taiwan Plastic Industry Association**

<https://www.ttpia.org.tw/en-us/index>

**National Union Association of Plastic Products Commerce of Republic of China**

<https://www.nccppt.org.tw/#>

**Taiwan Chemical Industry Association**

<https://www.twcia.org.tw/eng/>

**Photonics Industry & Technology Development Association**

[https://www.pida.org.tw/pida/index.php?&web\\_lang=en-us](https://www.pida.org.tw/pida/index.php?&web_lang=en-us)

**Taiwan Electrical and Electronic Manufacturers' Association**

<https://www.teema.org.tw/englishnew/index.html>

**Taiwan Telematics Industry Association**

<https://www.ttia-tw.org/letters.php?wshop=ttia&lang=en>

**Taiwan Textile Federation**

[https://www.textiles.org.tw/TTF/english/home/English.aspx?menu\\_id=82](https://www.textiles.org.tw/TTF/english/home/English.aspx?menu_id=82)

### ◆ Corresponding U.S. Website

**US Taiwan Business Council**

<https://www.us-taiwan.org/>

## Taiwanese Organizations in the US

### ◆ Taiwan Resources

**Taiwanese Chambers of Commerce North America**

<https://www.tcna.org/>

**North America Taiwanese Engineering & Science Association**

<https://natea.org/about-us/>

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