

International trade

Our experience
to help your success



Broaden your horizons, discover new perspectives

Explore new business opportunities abroad through events and economic delegations that the CCIG organises throughout the year for its Members.

Geneva, at the heart of European trade

Founded in 1865 to promote liberal policies, the Geneva Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Services (CCIG) has kept its focus on defending the private economy under the auspices of free trade and international exchange, with the aim of ensuring a strong, sustainable economy.

Geneva's geographic position at the centre of Europe predetermined it as a place of trade. For many years, Geneva held the only bridge that crossed the Rhône between Lyon and Valais, making it a commercial hub from as early as the 4th century.

Today, with one franc out of two earned outside Switzerland, foreign trade remains one of the pillars of the Swiss economy in general, and Geneva's in particular.



The CCIG at the heart of international trade

The CCIG offers a range of specialised services to help Geneva-based companies trade with international markets, and in particular with export markets.

Export documents

The CCIG advises exporters on the formalities required by importing countries and on the application of trade agreements. By delegation from the Federal Office for Customs, it issues certificates of origin and CITES certificates and legalises export documents. It also issues ATA and CPD carnets (goods passports). CCIG Members benefit from discounts on fees.



Certificates of origin

These documents are used by customs authorities to determine the origin of a product, to calculate the applicable customs duties or for credit application procedures. Certificates of origin are issued by the CCIG within 24 hours on working days.

CITES certificates

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) protects biodiversity by safeguarding the survival of more than 30,000 species of wild animals and plants. The CCIG is authorised by the Federal Administration to issue CITES certificates.

ATA/CPD Carnets

The ATA Carnet ("Admission Temporaire/Temporary Admission")/CPD China-Taiwan is an international customs document which can be used, in place of the national customs documents usually required, for the temporary import and export of goods, as well as for their transit. It eliminates the need to pay VAT and customs duties at every border crossing. Created in 1954 at the instigation of a number of Chambers of commerce, including the CCIG, the ATA carnet is accepted in nearly 80 countries.

Market analysis

The CCIG offers its Members free access to the International Trade Centre's (ITC/CCI) market analysis tools portal, a gateway to one of the world's most extensive databases on statistics, tariffs, foreign direct investment and voluntary standards. These enable companies to identify export and import opportunities and compare market access conditions.

Thanks to our collaboration with the Geneva School of Management, CCIG Members can benefit from free assistance in exploring emerging markets, whether for business or investment purposes.



These services are reserved for CCIG member companies.

Events and delegations abroad

The CCIG supports Geneva entrepreneurs in developing their activities abroad, notably by organising or co-organising events in Geneva and economic delegations abroad throughout the year.

In Geneva, these include themed events based on current events, called "Market Focus", devoted to the presentation of specific geographic markets and meetings with high-ranking foreign representatives.

Abroad, the CCIG leads economic delegations designed to familiarise entrepreneurs with the economic reality of third party countries and to develop their business through company visits and exchanges with key economic players and government representatives.



The calendar of events is available at
www.ccig.ch

Training and information

The CCIG offers specialised training courses, specifically designed for those responsible for their company's export department, logistics or purchasing/sales. Topics cover, for example, Incoterms® rules, free trade agreements and preferential origin, or modes of transport.

To keep companies interested in foreign trade up to date, the CCIG publishes a monthly electronic newsletter dedicated to international trade news. A regularly updated "News" section can also be found on the CCIG website, under International Trade.

Networking and collaboration

The CCIG maintains privileged relations with diplomatic representations and international players based in Geneva, the centre of international cooperation. It also collaborates with numerous public and private institutional partners and benefits from the extensive worldwide network of chambers of commerce. They all aim to promote fruitful and sustainable trade.



From 21 to 23 June 2023, the CCIG had the honour of organising the 13th World Chambers Congress in Geneva, the most important event of the 12,000 chambers of commerce that make up the World Federation of Chambers of Commerce, an affiliate of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC).

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