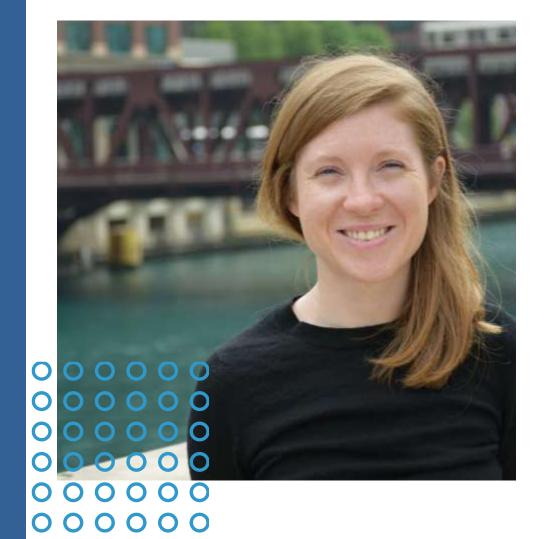




# Food Export's Branded Program





# Molly Burns

Branded Program Manager Food Export - Midwest







#### Mission

Promote the export of Midwest and Northeast food and agriculture products through our programs and services.





# Who is Food Export?

- Private, non-profit international trade organizations
- Work with small- and medium-sized producers in the Midwest and Northeast U.S.
- Focus on value-added products
- Members are State Agricultural Promotion Agencies







# Types of U.S. Companies We Assist

- U.S.-Owned Company
- Company must be 'small' (SBA Guidelines) or a cooperative
- All products must have a minimum of 50% U.S. agricultural origin
- Willing and able to fund exports and ongoing promotion





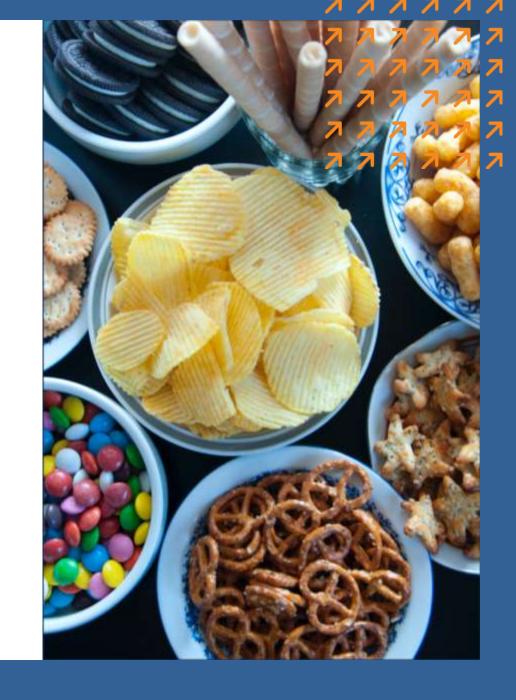


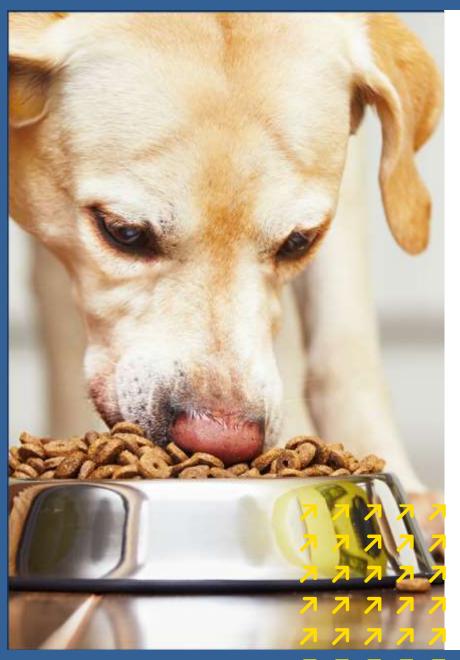
#### **Products**

- Branded Food Products
- Snack Foods
- Convenience Foods
- Natural Products
- Specialty Foods
- Private Label









### **Products Continued**

- Food Ingredients
- Foodservice Products
- Feed Ingredients
- Petfood
- Seafood
- Other Value-Added Ag Products





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#### **Wood-Based Products**

The following products may be eligible based on Chapter 44 of the Harmonized System:

- Poles, Piles, Posts (utility poles and fencing)
- Wood Wool and Wood Flour
- Railway Ties
- Densified Wood
- Picture, Mirror, and Other Wood Frames
- Pallets and Crates
- Cooperage products
- Tool and Tool Handles of Wood

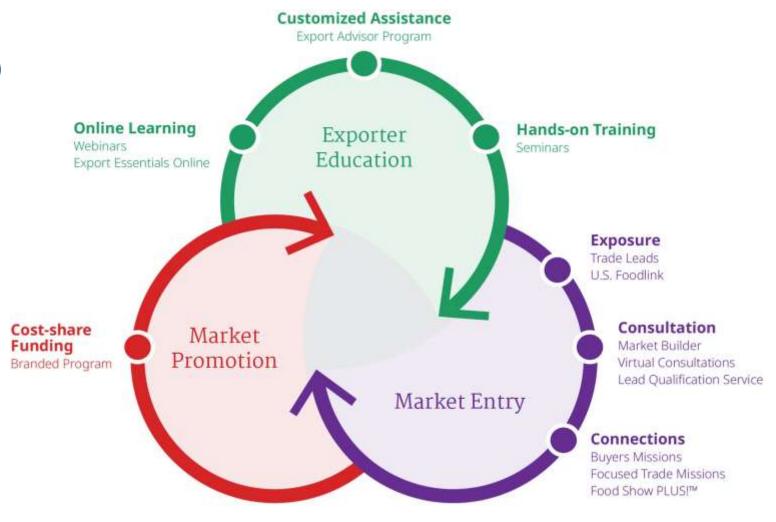
- Builders Joinery items, including Doors, Windows, and Shingles
- Tableware and Kitchenware of Wood
- Statuettes and Other Ornaments of Wood and Jewelry and Similar Boxes
- Miscellaneous Wood Products
- Log Homes and Other Prefab Wood Homes (traditional 2x4 construction)





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# How We Help







## Branded Program

- We reimburse 50% of export marketing expenses
- All activities approved in advance
- Company incurs all expenses up front
- Company includes US origin statement in marketing
- Funding per company per year:

\$2,500 - \$300,000











# Eligible Activities

- Tradeshow Expenses
- General Promotional Activities
- Promotional/Giveaway items
- Product Demonstrations/Merchandising
- Social Media Campaigns
- Website Development
- Public Relations
- Packaging and Label Modifications
- Freight for sample shipments
- And more!







#### **International Trade Shows**

#### Virtual or In-Person









#### Eligible Expenses

Exhibition fee

New Product Showcase GES/Freeman expenses

Electrical

Freight to/from show

Booth buildout, banners, signage

POS materials

Uniforms

Part-time contractors

**Giveaway Items** 















### Certain U.S. Tradeshows





















ANNUAL EVENT AND EXPO

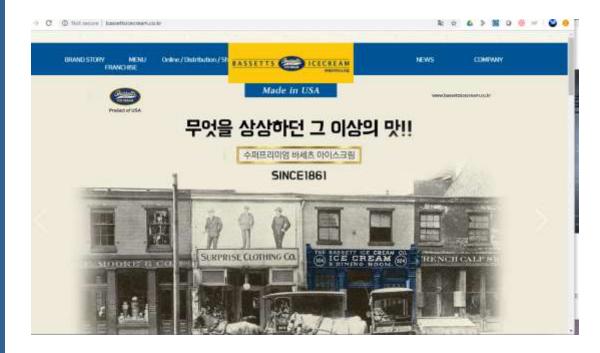








# Websites & Online Advertising



Website for South Korea

#### Web Banners for Hong Kong







#### Social Media



# Web & Social Eligible Costs Include:

- SEO and other online advertisements
- Website Development, Updating, and Servicing
- Social Media
   Management
- Content Development















## E-Commerce



Online E-commerce Site



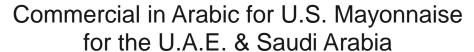


#### Videos



Video that walks viewer through supplier's entire food service product line







طعم الداورتين الأصيل اسفرة فرح دايمة / The real mayo effect

Product placement in a South Korean ASMR Mukbang YouTube Video

Mukbang is a type of video that features a person eating a large quantity of food in one sitting.





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# Videos



Video of harvest and processing





# Give-Away Materials







Hats

Shirts Masks





# Print Advertising



Taiwan



Turkey





# Large Format Advertising













## **POS** Materials











# Demonstrations/Merchandising: Display

**Supplies** 



**Temporary Display Stand** 





# **Export Packaging and Labeling**



Russian







Arabic

#### Chef Demonstrations



# Eligible Costs Include:

- Hourly/Daily Rate for Chef
- Room, equipment rental
- Banners, signage
- Sampling materials
- Freight for samples





# Marketing Costs Incurred by Importer



Apply with the U.S. supplier

Promote supplier's or importer's brand

Importer provides documentation for reimbursement





# How the Branded Program Works



#### **Program Fees**

- 1. \$250 Application Fee
- 2. 6% Administrative Fee





## 2023 Key Dates

What's Due?	When?
2023 Program Year Opened	August 1, 2022
Submit Application	ASAP/Before incurring eligible expenses
Conclude Activities and Make Payment	December 31, 2023
Claims Submission Deadline	February 28, 2024

Apply Annually
Apply Early





#### How to be Reimbursed

- 1. Submit claims online
- 2. Required for each claim:
  - Invoice
  - Proof of Payment
  - Proof of Activity
  - US Origin Statement
- 3. Food Export staff follows up with any questions
- 4. Claims typically paid within 30 days of submission









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