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Introduction

The International Trade Finance & ICC Banking Rules course is an intensive one-week professional program designed to provide participants with a practical and in-depth understanding of international trade finance operations. The course focuses on the correct application of ICC banking rules, including UCP 600, ISP98, and URR 725, which form the backbone of documentary credits, standby letters of credit, and reimbursement arrangements used globally by banks and financial institutions.

This program bridges theory and practice by emphasizing real-world trade transactions, compliance requirements, risk management, and best banking practices. Through applied case studies, document analysis, and interactive discussions, participants develop the skills needed to handle trade finance operations with confidence, accuracy, and regulatory awareness.

Course Objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Understand the structure, scope, and purpose of ICC banking rules in international trade.
- Correctly apply UCP 600, ISP98, and URR 725 in documentary credits, standby L/Cs, and reimbursement transactions.
- Identify, assess, and manage trade finance risks, including documentary discrepancies.
- Improve document examination, compliance, and operational accuracy.
- Enhance decision-making and problem-solving in trade finance operations.

Course Outlines

Day 1: Fundamentals of International Trade Finance

- Overview of international trade finance and its role in global commerce.
- Key trade finance instruments and structures.
- The role of banks in facilitating trade transactions.
- Introduction to the International Chamber of Commerce ICC and global trade rules.



Day 2: UCP 600 - Documentary Credits

- Structure, scope, and key principles of UCP 600.
- Rights and obligations of issuing, confirming, and advising banks.
- Principles of documentary compliance and examination standards.
- Common discrepancies with practical banking examples.

Day 3: ISP98 - Standby Letters of Credit

- Understanding the nature and use of standby letters of credit.
- Key differences between UCP 600 and ISP98.
- ISP98 rules and their practical application in banking operations.
- Case studies and hands-on document analysis.

Day 4: URR 725 & Trade Finance Risk Management

- Demand guarantees and the scope of URR 725.
- Reimbursement rules, processes, and interbank procedures.
- Trade finance risks and mitigation techniques.
- AML, KYC, and sanctions compliance in trade finance transactions.

Day 5: Best Practices, Case Studies & Assessment

- End-to-end trade finance case studies.
- Practical document checking workshop.
- Dispute handling, claims management, and resolution strategies.
- Course review and final assessment.

Why Attend This Course: Wins & Losses!

- A strong, practical understanding of ICC banking rules UCP 600, ISP98, URR 725.
- Improved compliance, risk control, and operational accuracy.
- Enhanced skills in document examination and discrepancy management.
- Job-ready knowledge applicable to banks, financial institutions, and corporate trade operations.
- Increased confidence in handling complex trade finance transactions.

Conclusion

This course delivers a comprehensive and hands-on understanding of international trade finance and ICC banking rules, with a strong focus on practical application and industry best practices.

By the end of the program, participants will be fully equipped to manage documentary credits, standby letters of credit, and reimbursement arrangements effectively, while ensuring compliance, reducing risk, and improving operational efficiency. This course is an essential professional



development opportunity for anyone seeking excellence in trade finance operations within today's complex global banking environment.

