

# CHRISTABEL EVI-PARKER

Global Trade Compliance

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Trade compliance professional with a Master's in International Trade and Investment Law and over five years of progressive experience designing compliance risk management programs, executing import/export governance frameworks, and driving data-led process improvements across global supply chains. Intentionally built expertise at both ends of the compliance spectrum: inside a commercial law firm handling trade contracts, disputes, and regulatory advisory across multiple jurisdictions and embedded within Henkel's global supply chain executing EU customs compliance, FTA analysis, broker auditing, and duty recovery operations.

Entered the EU trade compliance environment specifically to gain direct operational experience with European trade regulations, customs procedures, and cross-border supply chain compliance and applied that foundation immediately to deliver measurable results. Leverages Advanced Excel, Power Query, SAP GTS and Power BI to automate compliance workflows, surface risk through data, and continuously improve.

Experienced in owning and scaling compliance programs, collaborating cross-functionally, and leveraging data to drive risk mitigation and operational excellence. Ready to bring legal precision, operational depth, and a data-driven mindset.

## KEY IMPACT

**5 days → 7 hrs**

**Broker Check Automation**

*Excel & PowerQuery workflow redesign*

**\$1M+**

**Duty Recovery Supported**

*Single audit cycle, US team collaboration*

**↓ 45%**

**Repeat Audit Findings**

*Corrective action & governance programs*

## CORE COMPETENCIES

▪ Compliance Risk Management & Governance	▪ Import/Export Process Design & Enforcement
▪ EU Customs Regulations & Trade Law	▪ HTS/HS Classification & FTA Analysis
▪ Broker Auditing & Performance Management	▪ Audit Readiness & Corrective Action Planning
▪ Data-Driven Compliance Reporting	▪ Advanced Excel, PowerQuery & SQL
▪ SAP GTS / SAP ERP / Power BI	▪ Cross-Functional Stakeholder Collaboration
▪ Decision Making & Bias for Action	▪ Process Innovation & Continuous Improvement
▪ Ownership & Accountability	▪ Confidentiality & Ethical Judgment

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Trade Compliance Specialist Intern | Henkel Global Supply Chain | Netherlands Jul 2025 – Feb 2026

*Global FMCG supply chain — EU customs compliance, FTA analysis, broker governance, and data-driven compliance operations*

- Automated broker compliance checks using Advanced Excel and Power Query to extract, transform, and cross-reference customs entry data against established SOPs, reducing the review process from 5 working days to 7 hours and enabling the team to scale compliance oversight without additional headcount.
- Drove FTA analysis and rules of origin compliance across EU trade lanes, reviewing certificates of origin, assessing preferential eligibility, and advising internal teams and freight forwarders on applicable EU customs regulations
- Leveraged Power BI and SAP GTS to build real-time compliance dashboards tracking broker KPIs, HTS classification accuracy, FTA utilization, and trade activity, giving management actionable data to enforce global import/export processes.
- Owned the execution of broker compliance auditing across EU trade lanes, monitoring and evaluating performance through KPIs, and driving corrective actions to ensure regulatory adherence.
- Collaborated directly with Henkel's US trade team to validate over \$1M in duty drawback claims within a single audit cycle, applying knowledge of CBP entry requirements, US duty drawback regulations, and HTS classification under the US tariff schedule.
- Drove FTA analysis and rules of origin compliance across EU trade lanes, reviewing certificates of origin, assessing preferential eligibility, and advising internal teams and freight forwarders on applicable EU customs regulations
- Monitored regulatory changes across EU trade jurisdictions and provided guidance on policy updates, ensuring the compliance function remained aligned with evolving European trade law.
- Maintained document retention standards in compliance with EU customs authority requirements and supported internal audit readiness across all active trade lanes.

### Trade Compliance Consultant | Livy Uzoukwu (SAN) & Co | Nigeria

May 2021 – Aug 2024

*Commercial law firm — trade compliance advisory, contract work, governance program design, and regulatory risk management for international trading clients*

- Designed and executed compliance risk management and governance programs for multiple trading clients, identifying regulatory exposure, implementing scalable controls, and reducing compliance violations by 30% across multi-region portfolios.
- Directly led and developed a team of 6 junior trade compliance consultants, setting performance standards, conducting case reviews, providing hands-on coaching, and building a team culture of regulatory rigor and accountability that delivered consistently strong audit outcomes for clients.
- Drafted, reviewed, and negotiated complex commercial trade agreements, indemnity instruments, and cross-border supply chain documentation, applying legal precision to enforce compliance on every transaction.
- Collaborated with procurement, legal, and business teams to drive scalable, enforceable import/export compliance solutions and align client operations with applicable international trade regulations.
- Managed commercial disputes and litigation matters through resolution, maintaining structured records of case status, legal costs, and reserve requirements, building discipline in documentation and audit readiness.
- Monitored changes in trade regulations across key jurisdictions and issued proactive client advisories, ensuring ongoing alignment with evolving import/export law.
- Led a multi-region compliance project that identified and closed 30% of active regulatory violations within 12 months through targeted corrective action and process redesign.

## EDUCATION

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### Master of Laws — International Trade and Investment Law | University of Amsterdam 2024 – 2025

### Bachelor of Laws (LLB) | Afe Babalola University

2016 – 2021