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SHIPPING ADVISORY & CUSTOMS COMPLIANCE GUIDE

Mandatory Procedures for Returning Equipment to the US OEM for Calibration, Repair, or Alteration Duty-Free

Dear Valued Customer,

When returning your precision aircraft weighing systems, scale pads, or load cell consoles to our facility in Riviera Beach, Florida, for annual calibration, certification, or technical repair, specific U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) protocols must be strictly followed. Failure to execute these steps will result in automated customs delays, unnecessary import duties, or processing holds at the port of entry.

As the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM), we have prepared this technical advisory to ensure your shipment qualifies for **Duty-Free Entry** under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) Chapter 98 provisions.

1. Primary Tariff Classifications & Declarations

Your documentation must properly identify both the standard Harmonized System (HS) code of the equipment and the relevant special U.S. Chapter 98 temporary import exemption code.

A. Base Equipment HS Codes

- **HS Code 8423.89.0000:** For heavy-duty under-axle platforms, high-capacity top-of-jack load cell kits, and heavy transport systems with an individual or combined unit capacity **exceeding 5,000 kg (11,023 lbs)**.
- **HS Code 8423.82.0000:** For individual portable scale pads or light-duty jack-point kits with capacities **between 30 kg and 5,000 kg**.

B. Special Chapter 98 Duty Exemptions (Crucial for Return)

To avoid paying US commercial import duties on the entire value of your asset, you must cite one of the following codes based on the service being performed:

HTSUS Provision	Applicability Criteria	Required Invoice Declaration Text
9801.00.10.12 American Goods Returned	Equipment manufactured in the US by Jackson Aircraft Weighing Systems being returned temporarily for standard calibration, inspection, or software alignment without structural changes.	<i>"U.S. manufactured aircraft weighing equipment returned temporarily for calibration and certification under HTSUS 9801.00.10.12. To be re-exported to country of origin upon completion. No change in condition."</i>
9802.00.50.60 Articles Repaired or Altered	Equipment returned for hardware repairs, structural work, or component upgrades . Duty is only assessed on the value of the repair/parts (if not under warranty), not the asset itself.	<i>"U.S. goods returned for repair and technical service under HTSUS 9802.00.50.60. Value for customs purposes only: [Insert Original Value]. Dutiable value limited to cost of repairs."</i>

CRITICAL CUSTOMS REQUIREMENT: The commercial invoice and air waybill (AWB) must display both numbers together. For example, a heavy under-axle system returned for physical repair must be listed as: **HTSUS Linkage:**
9802.00.5060 / 8423.89.0000

2. Mandatory Customs Documentation Checklist

Your logistics provider or freight forwarder must attach and file the following three essential documents alongside the standard international Air Waybill (AWB):

1. CBP Form 3311 (Declaration for Free Entry of American Goods Returned)

This is an official U.S. government document required by CBP officers to approve duty-free re-entry. The foreign shipper must complete the following key boxes:

- **Name of Manufacturer:** Jackson Aircraft Weighing Systems.
- **City and State of Manufacture:** Riviera Beach, Florida, USA.
- **Reason for Return:** "U.S. manufactured industrial equipment returned to OEM for calibration and repair services."
- **Declaration:** Must be signed by the foreign exporter or clearing agent certifying the goods have not been advanced in value outside the scope of repairs.

2. Foreign Shipper's Declaration for Repairs / Alterations (19 CFR 10.8)

A signed statement on your company letterhead stating the following verbatim text:

"I, [Name of Declarant], declare that the articles herein specified are the articles which, in the condition in which they were exported from the United States, were received by us on [Date of Receipt], from Jackson Aircraft Weighing Systems; that they were received by us solely for use as aircraft weighing equipment; and that they are being returned to the United States for calibration, certification, or repair without any advancement in value or improvement in condition except as arises from such work."

3. The Commercial Invoice for Customs Purposes

Generate a non-commercial pro-forma invoice that explicitly fulfills these criteria:

- Set the unit value to reflect the **fair market asset value** of the scales, but clearly state at the bottom: **"Value for Customs Purposes Only. Transaction is for temporary service/repair/calibration only. No sale occurs."**
- Clearly display our corporate CAGE code: **1YXM4** and our physical facility address as the delivery destination.

3. Shipping Logistics and Package Labeling

To avoid cargo handlers misidentifying your shipment as a standard commercial commercial sale import, apply these physical labeling constraints:

- **Physical Box Markings:** Attach a clear, waterproof label on at least two sides of each crate or container stating:
"ATTENTION US CUSTOMS: TEMPORARY IMPORT / AMERICAN GOODS RETURNED FOR REPAIR & CALIBRATION BY OEM. FILE UNDER HTSUS 9801.00.10 OR 9802.00.50."
- **Courier Instructions (FedEx, DHL, UPS, or Freight):** You must select **"Delivery Duties Paid" (DDP)** for the processing fees, and instruct the courier broker to file a **Formal Entry** using the attached CBP Form 3311 rather than processing it through a standard express automated clearance system.

For direct technical or logistics assistance regarding your documentation preparation, please contact the Jackson Aircraft Weighing Systems compliance team prior to cargo dispatch.