



U.S. Tariff Measures & Middle East Conflict:

Implications for Malaysian Exporters - Commercial Exposure, Contractual Risk & Practical Steps

URGENT INDUSTRY BRIEFING

 **March 19, 2026 (Thursday)**
 **10.00am – 12.00pm | MYT**
 **Online via Zoom**

**Registration closes: March 17, 2026
· 12.00pm**

U.S. SECTION 122 SURCHARGE

Effective February 24, 2026, a temporary 10% ad valorem surcharge applies to all U.S.-bound imports – stacked on existing MFN duties. Duration: up to 150 days, with potential increase to 15%.

MIDDLE EAST ESCALATION

Ongoing conflict is disrupting shipping lanes, triggering war-risk insurance reviews and creating sanctions exposure. Freight costs, force majeure clauses and letter of credit arrangements are all under pressure.

WEBINAR PROGRAMME

Time	Programme
9.45am	Zoom log-in and participant check-in
10.00am	Welcome Address <i>by FMM President, Mr Jacob Lee Chor Kok</i>
10.10am	Session 1: U.S. Tariff Developments – Legal and Commercial Exposure → Section 122 surcharge – scope & application → Tariff stacking and customs exposure → Interaction with Section 232 & 301 → Contractual risk – who bears the tariff → Fixed-price contracts & right Incoterms → Immediate steps exporters should take
10.55am	Session 2: Middle East Escalation – Shipping, Payment and Sanctions Risk → Shipping route disruption & delivery delays → Force majeure – when it applies & when not → Freight and war-risk insurance allocation → Letter of Credit & USD payment disruption → Sanctions screening & counterparty exposure → Insurance coverage & notification obligations
11.35am	Practical Risk Review Framework for Exporters → Stress-testing long-term contracts → Managing margin erosion → Documentation and notice requirements → Commercial engagement strategy with buyers
12.00pm	End of Webinar

Registration Fees

FMM Member RM 150.00
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WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Exporters with U.S.-bound shipments
- International traders & logistics providers
- Supply chain and procurement teams
- Finance and compliance professionals
- Business leaders managing export risk

EXPERT SPEAKERS

Raja Nadhil Aqran
Managing Partner · Aqran Vijandran
Advises manufacturers, exporters and multinationals on complex commercial disputes and cross-border trade issues. Focuses on contractual risk allocation, supply-chain exposure and disputes arising from tariff and sanctions developments.

Prof. Dr. Harald Sippel
Senior Foreign Advisor · Aqran Vijandran
Austrian lawyer with 15+ years in international commercial law and arbitration. Former head of case management at the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC), overseeing 2,000+ cases. Advises multinationals across Southeast Asia on trade risk, sanctions and supply-chain disruption.

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