

Proposed Amendments to Rule 81**Rule 81. Papers Filed; Conformity; Form, Size, Copies**

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(f) Pleadings and Other Papers. Unless otherwise provided by these rules, all papers must be filed in duplicate, only the original of which need be signed. Pleadings and other papers must be 8½ by 11 inches in size, with typed matter not exceeding 6½ by 9½ inches, and with type size of 12 points or larger, including type used in footnotes. Pages must be numbered on the bottom. ~~and~~ **Exhibits or other papers filed in paper form must be bound on the left side (e.g., corner staple/stitch, ring binder, spiral binding, etc.)** ~~or attached on the top margin.~~ **Each exhibit submitted electronically or in paper form must be independently sequentially numbered.** Typed matter must be double spaced except footnotes, which may be single spaced, quoted material, which may be indented and single spaced, and titles, schedules, tables, graphs, columns of figures, and other interspersed material which are more readable in a form other than double spaced.

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(i) Briefs or Memoranda. A brief or memorandum **filed in paper form** must be filed in duplicate and must be 8½ by 11 inches in size. Pages must be numbered on the bottom portion thereof and bound **on the left side (e.g., corner staple/stitch, ring binder, spiral binding, etc.)** ~~or attached on the left margin.~~ Typed matter must be double spaced, except quoted material which may be indented and single spaced, and except titles, schedules, tables, graphs, columns of figures, and other interspersed material which are more readable in a form other than double spaced.

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PRACTICE COMMENT: All decisions of the United States Court of International Trade are published in: slip opinion form, the Customs Bulletin, and the official reports of the United States Court of International Trade. Certain decisions will also be published in the Federal Supplement or the Federal Rules Decisions. Decisions are also available on the LEXIS and WESTLAW

electronic databases and those issued beginning in 1999 may be viewed on the website of the United States Court of International Trade, www.cit.uscourts.gov.

1. Published Opinions

After an opinion appears in the official CIT **R**eports, Federal Supplement (~~F. Supp.~~ or ~~F. Supp. 2d~~), or Federal Rules Decisions (F.R.D.), the slip opinion **number** is no longer used, and the citation is to the official reports, and unofficial reports, if available, together with the year of publication. One should not cite the Customs Bulletin and Decisions in any event.

Example:

JCM, Ltd. v. United States, 23 CIT 121 (1999).

If the opinion is also published in F. Supp., F. Supp. 2d, or F.R.D., citation ~~of~~ **to** these reporters should follow the citation ~~of~~ **to** the official **CIT R**eports.

Examples:

Ludvig Svensson (U.S.) Inc. v. United States, 23 CIT 573, 62 F.Supp. 2d 1171 (1999);

NOT; 23 CIT 573, Slip Op. 99-82, 62 F. Supp. 2d 1171 (1999).

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(As amended Oct. 3, 1984, eff. Jan. 1, 1985; July 28, 1988, eff. Nov. 1, 1988; Nov. 29, 1995, eff. Mar. 31, 1996; May 1, 1998, eff. Sept. 1, 1998; Jan. 25, 2000, eff. May 1, 2000; Dec. 18, 2001, eff. Apr. 1, 2002; Sept. 30, 2003, eff. Jan. 1, 2004; May 25, 2004, eff. Sept. 1, 2004; Nov. 25, 2008, eff. Jan. 1, 2009; March 24, 2009, eff. May 1, 2009; Dec. 7, 2010, eff. Jan. 1, 2011; Dec. 6, 2011, eff. Jan. 1, 2012; Dec. 4, 2012, eff. Jan. 1, 2013; _____, eff. _____.)

Advisory Committee Note

The Rule is amended to clarify that exhibits, other papers, briefs, or memoranda submitted to the Court in paper form must be bound on the left side (e.g., corner staple/stitch, ring binder, spiral binding, etc.) and that each exhibit must be independently sequentially numbered whether submitted electronically or in paper. In almost all cases, papers, exhibits, briefs, or memoranda are filed electronically, so these revisions to the Rule would make it clear that when papers, exhibits, briefs, or memoranda are submitted in physical form, the paper copies need to be bound on the left side (e.g., corner staple/stitch, ring binder, spiral binding, etc.).