Preparing for Export Finances

Factors to consider

- Need for financing to make the sale
- Costs of financing (interest rates & fees)
- Length of time (short, medium, long term)
- Risks associated with the transaction (eg: credit-worthiness of the buyer)

Two major types of financing

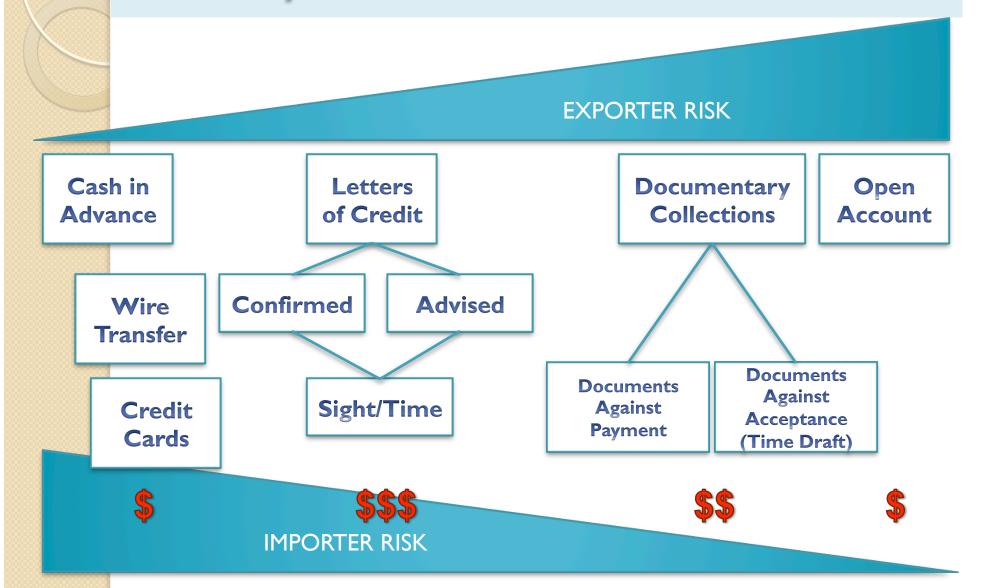
 Pre-shipment: financing to produce or purchase product/service

 Post-shipment: financing of the account/ accounts receivable (factoring)

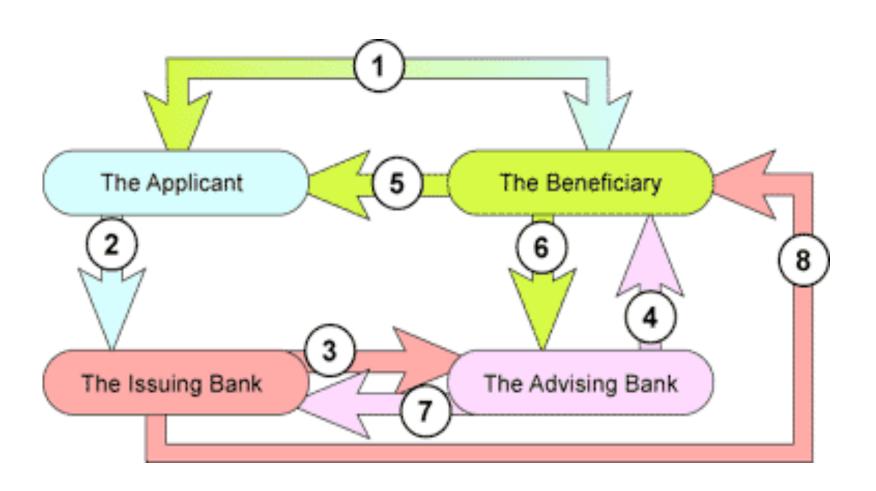
Getting Paid

- Type of payment include:
 - Cash in advance (CIA)
 - Wire Transfer
 - Credit Card
 - Letters of credit (L/C)
 - Documentary Collections
 - Open account (OA)
 - Consignment
 - Barter or countertrade
 - Escrow

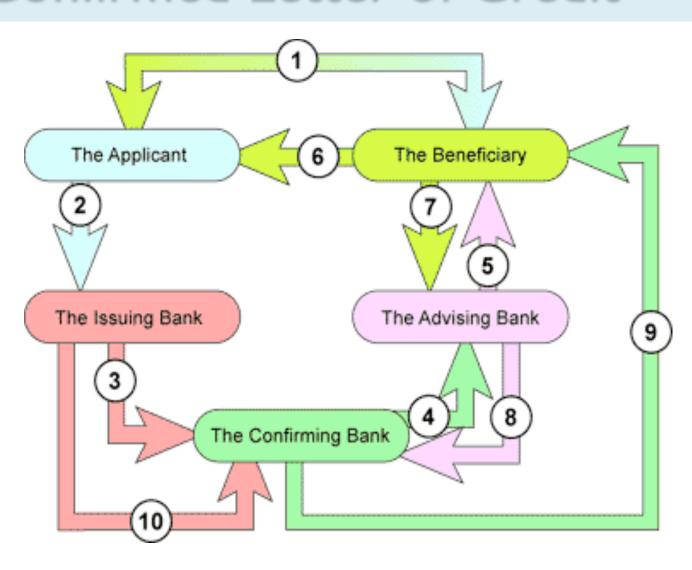
Payment vs Risk and Cost



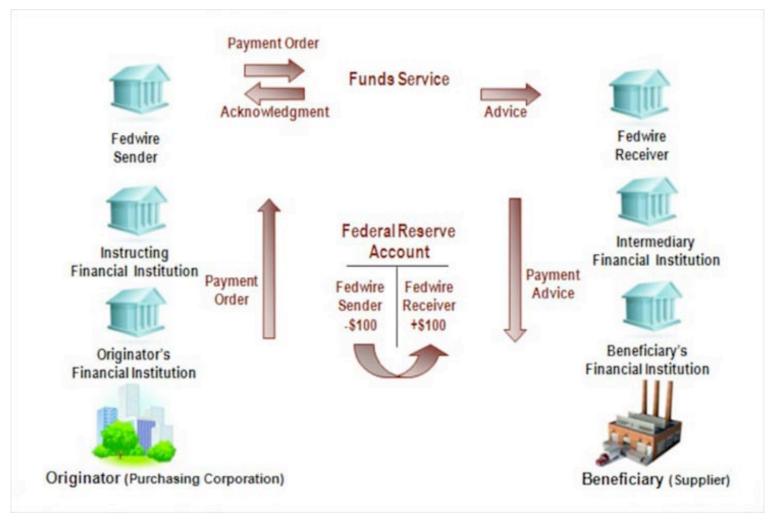
Letter of Credit



Confirmed Letter of Credit



Wire Transfer



Different than "Remittance" which starts with Person

Managing Cost and Risk

- Manage Total Cost of Operation
 - Product Cost
 - Marketing and Sales
 - Management
 - Other Overhead
 - Exchange Rates
- Reduce Risk and Insure