

## Strategic planning for export: Methodologies applied for insertion in the international market

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### ABSTRACT

For a company to succeed in its internationalization process, it is necessary to have a careful evaluation of its export capacity, having established its mission, vision and values, it is possible to observe more clearly all the pillars of the company's organizational culture. It is also necessary to identify the main challenges encountered both in the internal and external environments. The definition of its market positioning and bargaining power is crucial for it to be able to export in a competitive and lasting manner, monitor export performance, evaluate results and adjust as necessary, standing out in the international sphere. Technical planning for exports is essential to ensure the success and sustainability of the operation, maximizing growth opportunities in the international market. Based on this, this work presents a theoretical discussion about the importance of an export plan, based on techniques of analysis and corporate management.

**Keywords:** Export capacity, Export, Market analysis, Strategic planning.

### INTRODUCTION

The internationalization process is extremely important for companies that seek to expand their business by using insertion in the foreign market. As it is a procedure in which the company will be exposed worldwide, it is necessary to develop a strategic plan, where it will be possible to evaluate crucial issues, such as; the export capacity, the degree of competitiveness and the differentials that it will present to its competitors.

According to Minervini (1997), it is essential that the company evaluates its export capacity, so that it is possible to position itself in the market, after analyzing its environments, both internal and external.

Strategic export planning (PEE) consists of the elaboration of an organized and systematic process that aims to develop strategies for the success of an export. With it, the entrepreneur will acquire knowledge about the strengths of his company, information about the market he wants to enter and what improvements must be made before effectively starting the export process.

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The plan will also allow the company to have clarification about its positioning in the market, through the use of analyses that allow the identification of the main risks involved and, thus, be able to mitigate potential problems.

Based on the methodologies of SWOT analysis, Porter's 5 forces and Mintzberg's Conception of Strategy, the present work presents a theoretical discussion on the importance of strategic planning for export so that the export potential can face the world market, overcoming the challenges present in the export process and remaining active in the foreign market.

This work also has information on international trade procedures of public and private institutions in Brazil and how the elaboration of an export plan takes place with the help of the Operational Nucleus (NO) created by the Federal Government and provided through the performance of the Brazilian Agency for the Promotion of Exports and Investments (APEX).

## **STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Strategic planning for export is a complex process that involves several steps and requires specific knowledge. According to Mintzberg et al., (2006, p. 23.) "There is no single, universally accepted definition" so different scholars present different concepts when it comes to the definition of strategy. It is worth mentioning that the strategy must be analyzed within a specific context, in our case within the export scenario.

According to Porter (1986), strategy consists of developing different activities, placing oneself in a unique position of value, which will provide prominence to the company, so that it obtains competitive advantage.

For Oliveira (2002), it is necessary that planning is based on the analysis of previously obtained results, so that a more efficient way can be found to reach the desired point using all available resources within its current situation.

Research and preparation can offer valuable insights into strategic planning best practices for export, as well as provide up-to-date information on the international market and industry trends.

## **SWOT ANALYSIS**

In the previous paragraphs it was possible to introduce the analysis of some aspects of strategic planning, in which we saw how several authors see strategic planning and now we can interpret and apply them in the context of export.

When Minervini says that it is essential that the company evaluates its export capacity, in order to position itself in the market, through the analysis of its internal and external environment. It

can be concluded that without a full view of the internal and external environment, it is impossible for the company to be able to position itself in the market.

To identify the internal environment, it is necessary to understand everything that is under the company's command and can be changed by it, such as: staff, administrators, organizational culture, technological development, organizational structure, and physical facilities.

In the characterization of the external environment, it is necessary to identify and understand advents that have the potential to impact the company and the situation in which organizations exist and operate, is composed of elements that are external to the limits of the organization, such as economic crises, legislative changes and market competitors.

Having defined the internal and external environment, the next step is the preparation of the SWOT analysis, the SWOT analysis is a strategic planning technique used to help people and/or organizations. SWOT analysis was developed in the 1960s by Albert S. Humphrey, a management consultant at the Stanford University Research Institute. He understood that strengths and weaknesses are directly linked to events in the internal environment, therefore, they are under the company's control and decisions. However, opportunities and threats are related to events in the external environment, so they are not under the control and are not defined according to the institution's decision-making.

Figure 1: SWOT analysis.



Source: <https://resultadosdigitais.com.br/marketing/analiseswot/#::~:~:text=As%20forças%20e%20weaknesses%20dizem,in terno%20e%20ambiente%20externa%2C%20respectivamente>

Strengths – Refers to the advantages that the company has in relation to the competition. Your competitive differentials, stronger business skills. They also refer to internal elements that benefit the

enterprise and/or factors that are under the company's control. In which, she can decide to keep it or not.

**Weaknesses** – Comprises points that can harm and/or negatively interfere with the company's progress and performance. The weaknesses found then must be examined and observed individually. Thus, it will be possible to solve the problems generated by them. If a short-term solution is not possible, it is recommended to try to reduce its effects, or at least circumvent them. By doing so, these weaknesses have the opportunity to become a strength for the institution.

**Opportunities** – Refers to any and all external forces that positively impact the company. It is not possible to have control over them, but there is the possibility of enjoying them. As long as they are real and are based on research and studies. In addition, they can arise at any time, such as: A partnership with the competition, a passing fad that results in increased consumption of the products offered by the company, government incentives, among others.

**Threats** – As opposed to opportunities, threats are considered all external forces and/or changes with the potential to negatively influence the business. Any events that may harm profits and ventures as a whole. We can take as an example economic crises, pandemics, market saturation, etc.

Having defined the main points focused on the business reality within the parameters of the SWOT analysis, it is possible to start questioning the business situation in the macroenvironment. For a better visualization of the important points, it is necessary to structure a table that represents the relevant aspects regarding the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of the company.

Table 1: SWOT analysis.

<b>FORCES</b>	<b>WEAKNESSES</b>
What is the level of quality of the service and/or product offered by the company? Is the chosen location suitable? Does the company have relevance in the market? What are the competitive advantages? Is the team competent enough?	What are the weaknesses of my company? Is my communication efficient? Is the team fully qualified? What is the company's market positioning? Why did my client choose the competition? Were there failures in the planning?
<b>OPPORTUNITIES</b>	<b>THREATS</b>
What are the market trends? What innovations can add to my business? Where do competitors fail? In which countries is there a market for my product and/or service?	What are the impacts of the economy on the development of the company? Who are my direct competitors? Do I agree with the current legislation in the country?

Source: Survey Data

The example above demonstrates possible questions that can be asked for the elaboration of a SWOT analysis. It is worth mentioning that these questions may not match the reality of your company, as the variables used as a parameter refer to specific details of each institution. For example: Companies that operate in the same sector are not necessarily direct competitors, the

market niche in which it is inserted has more influence than necessarily the sector in which it operates.

Companies that operate in the same field can propose to serve different audiences. A company that proposes to serve the class A public does not compete directly with a company that proposes to serve a class C public, although both can operate in the same field and have the same type of product. Therefore, it is extremely important to identify and define your place of operation in the market to also be able to identify your direct currents, among other possible threats.

After the clear definition of the impacting points in relation to the company's internal and external environment and its positioning in the market. To define in depth the external elements that substantially affect the organizational environment in which the company is inserted, it can be used as a parameter of analysis of the 5 forces defined by Porter.

## PORTER'S 5 FORCES

Figure 2: Porter's 5 forces



Source: <https://blog.egestor.com.br/5-forcas-de-michael-porter/>

### 1 – Threat of substitute products

- What is it?

Competing products that meet the same needs of your customer, either in the same way or even better.

- How to identify?

In general, substitute products are goods that are not necessarily part of the same market in which another product operates, but that compete for the same type of consumer, as they have the ability to partially and/or completely satisfy a specific customer need.

- How to solve?

Through market research focused on the competitor product, it is possible to establish the strengths and/or weaknesses of the product offered. Therefore, improvement and innovation strategies can be structured based on the shortcomings found.

## 2 – Threat of entry of new competitors

- What is it?

This threat refers to the likelihood that a new company will enter the existing market and start competing with companies already established in it. The intensity of this threat varies according to the factors of the product and/or service offered.

- How to identify?

The identification of new entrants to the market can take place through analytical techniques, such as: monitoring of news and media regarding the specific product or service, market research, professional networks and industry groups, research of existing patents and analysis of competition – whether physical or online.

- How to solve?

Through the elaboration of patents, it is possible to establish a higher barrier of entry to competition, using specific technologies for the development of the product and/or alternative forms of service provision.

## 3 – Customers' negotiating power

- What is it?

Defined as the ability to choose between divergent companies that offer similar products or services, it is based solely and exclusively on the customer's perception of the chosen option.

- How to identify?

The analysis of customer behavior is essential to understand their choices, it is entirely possible that, even in the face of options that better meet their needs, the customer will choose the company that he already has a positive opinion about.

- How to solve?

It is possible to change the customer's perception of the product or service offered through investments in marketing, differentiation, quality improvement, application of sustainable practices, customer loyalty techniques, among others.

#### 4 – Suppliers' bargaining power

- What is it?

Factors that can increase or decrease the negotiating power of suppliers can range from the degree of differentiation between them, production cost.

- How to identify?

The supplier's bargaining power is directly linked to the number of suppliers available in the market and how dependent the company is on them. A company that establishes vertical integration with only one supplier is in a position of dependence on it, increasing the supplier's negotiating power. If the company decides to change its price or fails to deliver, all other processes of the company will be compromised.

- How to solve?

The adoption of strategies that aim to balance or reduce the influence of the supplier in negotiations is the main way to equalize this situation, these attitudes can be taken through diversification of suppliers, strategic partnerships, elaboration of price standards and contractual definitions.

#### 5 – Rivalry between competitors

- What is it?

The greater the rivalry and saturation of the sector, the more difficult it will be for new competitors to enter, given the fact that companies that are already in the market already have a defined audience with large investments in market research and marketing, in addition to the practice of lower margins.

- How to identify?

A company only puts itself in a position of rivalry with companies that are at its level of direct competition. This definition is based mainly on the analysis of its market positioning, specifically evaluating the environment in which the company operates.

- How to solve?

Rivalry between competitors is one of the fundamental parts of market competition, so it cannot be solved in order to eliminate it. However, companies can adopt strategies that allow them to

deal with this rivalry effectively while maintaining or improving their competitive position. This can be achieved through actions such as: differentiation of products and services, culture of innovation, expansion aimed at reaching new markets and improving operational efficiency.

## STRATEGIC DESIGN

Given the definitions of the main aspects that influence the organizational environment and establishing which are the most relevant in the field in which the company is inserted. It is necessary to start the process of elaborating the strategic planning for insertion in the international market, as a basic structure for the conception of strategy, the model proposed by Mintzberg can be used:

Figure 3: Strategic Design Model



Source: Scheuer, Luciane. (2020). Individual Microentrepreneur Manual - Guidelines for coping with Covid-19.

According to Mintzberg, for the design of an efficient corporate strategy it is necessary to ensure that it is in accordance with the social responsibilities and managerial values of the company, these pillars can be defined as:

- Social responsibilities:

A company's social responsibility is its commitment to act responsibly and ethically in the face of the social, economic and environmental impacts caused by its operation. These approaches must take into account the interests of all parties belonging to the corporate hierarchy, as well as local communities and the environment.

- Management values:

They are defined through the ethical principles and beliefs that guide the decisions and actions taken by the institution's leadership. The act of establishing solid values is extremely important for the company, since they are able to determine the organizational culture and influence employee behaviors.

Having defined these points according to the company's vision, the strategy moves on to the evaluation and choice phase, Mintzberg emphasizes that the process of evaluating and choosing a strategy is not purely rational and analytical and must often emerge in an organic and not strictly logical way. Mintzberg categorizes the strategy as deliberate or emergent.

A deliberate strategy is understood to be one that is planned in a systematic and conscious manner. It is usually taken in response to analyses and considerations of previously observed patterns. In turn, the emerging strategy is developed organically while the organization interacts with the challenges that exist in its operating environment.

The importance of analysis in the process of designing a strategy is undeniable, but it must be in accordance with the context and reality of the organization itself. This means that the data and information that provide the basis for the analysis must be complemented by knowledge of the organizational culture and the internal dynamics of the institution. Finishing the process with the long, medium or short term implementation of the defined strategy.

## **THE EXPORT**

### **CONCEPT OF EXPORT**

Export is defined as the sale of products, goods or services from one country to another, being a fundamental operation for the economy of any nation. When domestic companies decide to export, they not only sell their products abroad, but also engage in a process that increases productivity, innovation, and competitiveness. This process involves the temporary or permanent departure of these products from the customs territory, passing through criteria established by the importing country.

The decision to export brings a number of internal benefits to companies, including increased production, both in quantity and quality. This occurs through the review of production processes and the reduction of idle capacity. In addition, by adapting their products to the requirements of foreign markets, companies significantly improve the quality of their products. Entering the international market also allows companies to acquire new technologies and adopt new managerial and

technological standards, which improves their image both internally and externally. This internationalization process requires companies to have greater competence and quality, since they need to meet the standards of the foreign market, managing new conditions and obtaining gains in competitiveness.

## ADVANTAGES OF EXEMPTION IN THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET

Exporting allows companies to reach new markets and audiences, strengthening their position in the market and establishing their brand internationally. Among the advantages of starting in the export process are increased sales, productivity growth, tax incentives, improved product quality, increased market share, decreased dependence on the domestic market and access to new technologies. In addition, the strategy of dividing production between domestic and foreign markets allows companies to expand their customer base, reducing risks and becoming less dependent on a single market.

Exports not only benefit companies, but also the country as a whole, promoting the inflow of foreign exchange, the generation of jobs, the increase in the qualification of human resources and the growth of the industrial park. In the Brazilian context, where the domestic market was once considered sufficient for many companies, exporting emerges as an important strategic decision for business development. Internationalization therefore represents an opportunity for companies to expand and become more competitive, not only in the domestic market, but also on the global stage.

## GETTING STARTED TO START EXPORTING

### INTERNATIONAL MARKET STUDY

Before starting export, it is essential to conduct an international market study. This study should consider aspects such as market potential, purchasing power, and lower risk offered by the target country. Analysis of demographics, age group, and audience segmentation are key to identifying similarities between the domestic market and the target market, facilitating expansion with minimal adaptation. Additionally, it is important to analyze the economic, social, and technological aspects of the country, as well as its existing trade practices and trade barriers.

Assessing the company's production capacity is crucial to ensure that it can meet the demand generated by exports. It is necessary to check if there is idle installed capacity that can be used or if investments are needed to expand this capacity. In addition, the logistics involved in the export process must be considered, including the choice of the most appropriate mode of transport to ensure the safe and on-time arrival of the cargo.

To export, it is necessary to comply with a series of regulations and obtain specific certifications. Documents such as the Single Export Declaration (DU-E) and the verification of licenses are essential to the process. Certificates of origin, both preferential and non-preferential, are also important to prove the origin of goods and can influence the reduction or exemption of import taxes in destination countries. Additionally, it is crucial for businesses to make sure that all necessary documents are authenticated and verified by trusted entities. These initial steps are critical for businesses looking to get started in the export process and expand their operations internationally.

## PRODUCT ADAPTATIONS

Before starting the export process, it is essential that companies consider adapting their products to the requirements and particularities of the international market. This involves analyzing various factors, such as technical standards, cultural preferences, and trade barriers. Adapting products to meet the legal, regulatory, and cultural requirements of different countries is a crucial step in ensuring compliance and success in the overseas market. In addition, it is important to check if the product is naturally competitive, evaluating attributes such as quality, design, innovation, and price.

Choosing the right packaging is critical to export success, as it must not only protect the product during transport, but also comply with all the legal and cultural requirements of the destination market. Packaging must be designed to withstand handling during transport and ensure the integrity of the product to the end consumer. It is necessary to consider the technical specifications, such as backlight, water and gas barriers, and choose materials that withstand the transport conditions. In addition, labeling must include clear and precise information, respecting the labeling standards of the destination country, and may need to include details such as the origin of the product and instructions for use in the local language.

To ensure the quality of exported products, it is essential to implement strict quality control during the production process. This includes the adoption of systems and concepts aimed at reducing inventories, times between production steps, and product defects. These practices not only improve quality but also reduce costs and increase error traceability, which is crucial for meeting the expectations of international customers. In addition, it is important to consider quality management as a competitive advantage in the international market, requiring stricter control to meet the demands of a more demanding public.

## INTERNATIONAL MARKETING STRATEGIES

Brand positioning in the international market is crucial for the success of marketing strategies. It is essential that companies create a global brand plan, considering the cultures and countries in which they want to operate. This planning must be flexible enough to adapt to local specificities, as is the case with Coca-Cola, which even adapts the flavor of its products to specific markets. In addition, it is important that the brand conveys its core values, such as quality and responsibility, in a clear way that is adapted to local perceptions and language.

The choice of distribution channels is essential for success in international marketing strategies. Companies can opt for direct export, where the sale is made directly between the manufacturer and the final consumer abroad, or indirect export, using local intermediaries. This choice will depend on several factors such as the size of the market, the structure of the company and knowledge about the foreign market. In addition, it is important to establish strategic partnerships with local distributors, who can facilitate the entry and adaptation of products to international markets.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS OF EXPORT

After the conclusion of the initial structuring of the export, which defines the feasibility of the operation based on several factors that may interfere in the company's production capacity and understands the peculiarities existing in the selected destination. One of the main priorities to ensure the success of the operation is to be aware of the legal norms and administrative requirements related to the export process.

## RADAR

The Environmental System for Registration and Tracking of the Performance of Customs Stakeholders – RADAR – is a system that makes it possible to monitor, in real time, information of a customs, tax and accounting nature of companies that operate in Foreign Trade.

This platform is a fundamental tool in the fight against fraud, as it allows the inspection and identification of risks in operations.

So that a company can operate in the international market. It is necessary to obtain authorization from the Federal Revenue of Brazil (RFB) through registration in RADAR. The main documents required are:

- a) Personal identification document of all partners of the company (RG and CPF);
- b) Company's articles of incorporation;
- c) Certificate of Registration of the Company with the Board of Trade;

- d) Operating License Permit;
- e) Lease agreement and/or deed of the property in which the company is located;
- f) Electricity and/or telephone bill;
- g) Proof of payment of the IPTU for the previous year;
- h) Declaration of Federal Tax Debts and Credits (DCTF);

The RADAR is valid for 6 months if the company does not carry out any import and/or export operations during this period. In cases of movement, the registration is automatically renewed.

### SISCOMEX

In Brazil, exports must be registered in SISCOMEX (Integrated Foreign Trade System) to be analyzed, virtually, by the agencies that manage the system. They are: The Federal Revenue of Brazil (RFB), the Central Bank of Brazil (BACEN), the Ministry of Development, Industry and Foreign Trade (MDIC) and the Secretariat of Foreign Trade (SECEX). This export registration can be done both by the exporting company itself and through customs brokers, exchange brokers, bank branches that operate with foreign exchange and other qualified entities.

To gain access to SISCOMEX, the company must register in the Environment System for Registration and Tracking of the Performance of Customs Agents.

At the moment the company registers the first export operation in SISCOMEX, the registration in the REI (Registry of Importers and Exporters) will be automatically concluded, once it has it, it is up to the company to classify its goods according to the Mercosur Common Nomenclature.

### CLASSIFICATION OF GOODS

For a company to be able to market a certain product abroad, it must be identified. In Brazil, the Mercosur Common Nomenclature – commonly known as NCM – is used to standardize, designate and codify goods.

The NCM is made up of 8 digits (all numerical) and its classification structure, which can contain up to 6 levels of aggregation, namely: Chapter, position, simple subheading, compound subheading, item and subitem.

1. Chapter – Indicated by the first two digits of the NCM.
2. Position – The position within a given chapter is represented by the first 4 digits of the numerical code.
3. Simple subheading – It is represented with the 5th digit of the NCM.

4. Compound subheading – It is represented with the 6th digit of the NCM.
5. Item – is the subdivision of the Harmonized System, represented by the 7th item of the code.
6. Subitem – is the subdivision of the item, represented by the last digit of the NCM.

In addition to its function in the characterization of the product, the selected nomenclature will directly interfere in tariffs, taxes, costs on the product and its freight.

## **DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR EXPORT**

In order to ensure the success of the export operation, it is necessary that the company has all the mandatory documentation. So that the legality and security of all transactions linked to the export process can be guaranteed.

### **PRO-FORMA FATURA**

It is the document resulting from the negotiation process between importer and exporter. The invoice will indicate all the conditions of sale of the goods, and must contain the following information:

- a) Name of the parties
- b) Description of the goods, quantity, gross weight, net weight, unit price and value;
- c) Minimum and maximum quantity of goods allowed for shipment;
- d) Type of packaging and presentation of the product;
- e) Payment method;
- f) Terms and conditions of sale;
- g) Date and place of delivery of the goods;
- h) Place of loading and unloading of the goods;
- i) Term and validity of the proposal;
- j) Signature of the exporter;
- k) Place for the importer's signature (if there is agreement with the proposal);

The invoice can also be replaced with a quotation sent by letter, as long as it contains the information described above.

## COMMERCIAL FATURA

Considered one of the most important documents in an export operation. This document, which will be used at the time of clearance of the goods (already at the place of destination) must contain all the elements related to the operation. With the following information:

- a) Name and address of the exporter;
- b) Name and address of the importer or purchaser
- c) Specifications of the goods in the official language of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade;
- d) Brand and numbering of volumes;
- e) Quantity and type of volumes;
- f) Gross weight;
- g) Liquid Weight;
- h) Country of origin – the one in which the goods have been produced;
- i) Country of acquisition – the country from which the goods were acquired;
- j) Country of origin – where the goods were at the time of purchase;
- k) Unit price of the goods;
- l) Transportation costs and other expenses;
- m) Payment condition and currency;
- n) Conditions of sale – Incoterm;

The air bill of lading is equivalent to the commercial invoice, as long as it contains all the indications regarding the quantity of goods and values.

## PACKING LIST

In order to facilitate the identification of products within the same lot, the packing list is a document used both in the loading and unloading of goods. The packing list must contain a list of the following elements:

- a) Document number;
- b) Name and address of both parties;
- c) Date of issue;
- d) Description of the merchandise containing quantity, unit, gross weight and net weight;
- e) Place of loading and unloading of the goods;
- f) Name of the carrier and date of shipment;
- g) Number of packages, identification of them in numerical order, type of packaging, net and

gross weight by volume and dimensions of each package.

## FISCAL NOTE

The Invoice must accompany the goods in all stages of export that occur from the departure of the goods from the exporter's establishment. This document must be issued in national currency, based on the conversion of the FOB price into reais. The Note must be issued in the name of the importing company in cases of direct export.

## SINGLE EXPORT DECLARATION (DU-E)

The DU-E is a document that must present information of a customs, commercial, administrative, financial, fiscal, tax and logistical nature that characterizes exports. Its elaboration takes place using only the access key number of the electronic invoice and the system will automatically load the data imported from the NF-e.

The DU-E must have the following information:

- a) CNPJ of the Declarant;
- b) Export terms;
- c) Single load reference;
- d) Trading currency;
- e) Clearance unit and corresponding customs enclosure;
- f) Embarkation unit and corresponding adunheiro area;
- g) Route of transport;
- h) Description of items (Containing NCM, description, quantity, net weight, condition of sale, VMCV and VMCE, agent commission)
- i) Name and address of the importer;
- j) Country of destination;

## BILL OF LADING

The Bill of Lading is a document that aims to formalize the contracting of the transport operation, proving the receipt of the cargo at the origin and guaranteeing the obligation to deliver the goods at the destination. The bill of lading must contain the following information:

- a) Name and address of the parties;
- b) Place of loading and unloading of the goods;
- c) Quantity, brand and type of volumes;
- d) Description of the type of packaging;

- e) Description of the goods and their code (NCM)
- f) Gross and net weight;
- g) Value of the goods;
- h) Dimensions of the volumes;
- i) Shipping cost;

It is also important that this document contains information about the conditions in which the goods were shipped, which can be: Shipment without restrictions, goods received apparently in good condition, among others. This statement determines that the goods must be delivered to the importer in the same conditions in which they were made available by the exporter.

#### TRANSPORT INSURANCE POLICY

In negotiations in which the exporter is responsible for contracting the insurance, it is also necessary to have a policy, proving its contracting. The insurance aims to cover possible damages that may occur with the cargo transported.

#### CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN

The Certificate of Origin serves to prove that the product actually originates in the exporting country. It is extremely important in operations involving countries that grant tariff preferences and are provided by accredited entities. It is the duty of the certificate of origin to have the following information:

- a) Value of national inputs in dollars;
- b) Value of imported inputs in dollars;
- c) Description of the production process of the goods;
- d) Regime and/or rules of origin;

#### LETTER OF CREDIT

The letter of credit is a payment method that relies on the intermediation of banks, thus ensuring the security of the commercial transaction. The letter of credit guarantees the exporter that payment will be made in full, in addition to reducing production risks, in cases where the importer cancels the order.

The letter of credit has 5 parties involved, namely: Importer, issuing bank – the one that will issue the credit at the request of the importer, the notifying bank – is responsible for accessing the

credit at the request of the issuing bank, confirming bank – the bank that will act as a guarantor, confirming the credit and the exporter.

## CONCLUSION

According to research carried out through the works already mentioned above, it is concluded that the elaboration of the strategy is not based on a single aspect, and must be adapted to the reality in which the evaluated company is inserted.

In summary, regarding the evaluation of the choice of strategy, one must take into account the complexity of the process, which involves both rational elements and intuitive, political and emergent elements. Generally speaking, strategy is something that evolves as the organization learns and adapts to its environment. Therefore, the process of formulating strategies is not strictly linear or predictable, but rather a dynamic and continuous process, elaborated in an organic way.

Oliveira understands that it is necessary to carry out an analysis of previous results so that the desired results can be achieved in a more efficient way, carrying out the steps already explained for the analysis of its internal and external environment and definition of its market positioning, it is possible to create a solid strategy that contributes significantly to the insertion of the company in the international market.

In this way, using the SWOT Analysis, it is possible for the company to obtain a broad view of its market positioning, thus being able to establish specific metrics of the environment in which it is inserted. Complementing this observation with Porter's 5 forces, the company will be able to mitigate and solve risks present in both its internal and external environments.

Based on the results obtained in the initial analyses, the company will begin the preparation of its specific export planning. Where it will evaluate the best destination options and what are the peculiarities of the chosen country to assess whether there will be a need for modifications in the products offered and even have a concrete parameter on the feasibility of the operation.

These methodologies precede the elaboration of a specific strategy so that the export directed to its target audience is carried out with greater assertiveness. So that it is possible to regularize according to all the necessary documentation. Thus, it can carry out the entire export process in an assertive way, mitigating errors and ensuring the success of the operation.

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