

Here are my words of wisdom:

1. Because I knew absolutely NOTHING about importing, several times, in the beginning, I almost gave up - but, I just kept plugging away.

2. I remembered from studying in the past, that the more senses you use - hearing, seeing, speaking and feeling (writing) - the more reinforcement you get from what you are trying to learn. So I would read a chapter silently, then read it out loud, outline it, read the CFR and outline it - (I finally had to stop outlining the CFR because I was getting behind on my schedule- if I had started earlier, I would have continued this). Then I would listen to the DVD after each chapter, then listen to the MP3 player on the LTS website. After awhile I could say the lines along with the speaker on the DVD. I should have listened more to the DVD in my car traveling to work everyday - that is what I would have done differently - that's how you learn a song is by listening to it over and over.

3. I kept taking the chapter tests and then going over them to figure out why I didn't get the answer correct. I also spent the last week before the test, taking the old tests and going over them as well - yes, it took a lot of time, but it was worth it - I didn't take any time off of work to study - so I studied in the morning before work, during my break at work, at home after work and on the weekends - yes, I was exhausted when it was finally over but I figured it was a one time shot for me - the funny thing was about 3 weeks before the test I decided I wasn't ready and was going to bail - but through encouragement from my family I decided the experience from it would be good - besides, what was another \$200 at this point! ha ha

4. From someone who had no experience in the import field, I found the LTS study materials to be excellent in preparing for the exam - a business acquaintance recommended the LTS group and it was well worth the money.