Letter From the Director

CTPAT Trade Compliance New Benefit: Advanced Hold Notification

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Dear CTPAT Trade Compliance Partner:

On August 1, 2022, the Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (CTPAT) Trade Compliance program announced the addition of six new program requirements regarding the prevention of forced labor within the supply chain. Shortly thereafter, the program announced three new benefits: Front of the Line Admissibility Review, Redelivery Hold, and Detained Withhold Release Order Shipments Move to a Bonded Facility.

Effective March 5, 2023, CTPAT Trade Compliance is providing an additional program benefit: Preliminary Notification of a UFLPA Hold. This benefit states that CTPAT Trade Compliance program will provide, to the best of the program's ability, advanced notice of a possible hold, detention, exclusion, and/or seizure of merchandise after the entry is filed for cargo arriving in the United States and subject to the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act (UFLPA or "the Act").

Preliminary notifications will be provided by the CTPAT Trade Compliance inbox to the points of contact within the CTPAT Trade Compliance account who have the "email notification" box marked to receive notifications. The notification will include the entry number and associated lines that may be subject to a detention, exclusion, and/or seizure due to the enforcement requirements of the UFLPA (Pub. L. 117-78), (22 U.S.C. § 6901).

Further information regarding the entry and the data it contains may be obtained from your licensed CBP broker. CBP, including the assigned National Account Manager, will be unable to provide further information beyond what is provided in the notification. The notification does not denote any final decision made by CBP but may be used by the importer to prepare for a possible shipment hold, detention, exclusion, and/or seizure.

As always, thank you for your continued partnership. Any questions regarding the CTPAT Trade Compliance program should be directed to the CTPAT Trade Compliance team at CTPATTradeCompliance@cbp.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,



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