Letter from the Director

CTPAT Trade Compliance New Benefit: Phase 2: Expansion of Preliminary Hold Notification to Withhold Release Orders & Findings of Forced Labor

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Dear CTPAT Trade Compliance Partner:

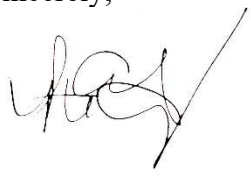
On March 5, 2023, the Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (CTPAT) Trade Compliance program announced the addition of an additional program benefit: Preliminary Notification of a Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act (UFLPA) Hold. This benefit states that CTPAT Trade Compliance program will provide, 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 UFLPA or "the Act".

Effective May 30,2023, this benefit is being expanded to include Withhold Release Orders and Findings of Forced Labor. Preliminary notifications will be provided by the CTPAT Trade Compliance mailbox 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 an active Withhold Release Order or Finding of Forced Labor pursuant to 19 U.S.C. § 1307.

Further information regarding the entry and the data it contains may be obtained from your licensed Customs and Border Protection (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 CTPATTradeCompliance@cbp.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,



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