Letter from the Director
CTPAT Trade Compliance New Benefit:
48 Hour Advanced Notification of a Withhold Release Order

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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 program requirements regarding the prevention of forced labor within the supply chain. CTPAT Trade Compliance Forced Labor Requirements FAQs | U.S. Customs and Border Protection). As a result of these new requirements, the Trade Compliance Program announced corresponding benefits. Today, we are announcing an additional benefit.

CBP will provide advanced notification (48 hours) to CTPAT Trade Compliance partners when a new Withhold Release Order (WRO) is issued. This notification will be emailed to the points of contact within the CTPAT Trade Compliance account, partners are reminded to ensure that the "email notification" box is checked to receive notifications. CBP asks that partners not disclose this information with the trade.

CBP detains shipments in violation of Section 307 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. §1307). *See* Title 19, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), § 12.42(e).

Please contact forcedlabor@cbp.dhs.gov for further questions. 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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