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IT'S OFFICIAL: The Consolidated Administration and Processing of Entries (CAPE) for IEEPA Refunds will be deployed on April 20, 2026.

CBP sent out CSMS Message # 68315804 late last Friday afternoon announcing that the C.A.P.E. system will be released for public use.

On April 20, 2026, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will launch the first phase of the Consolidated Administration and Processing of Entries (CAPE) tool in the Automated Commercial Environment Secure Data Portal (ACE Portal). CAPE will simplify International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) duty refund requests made pursuant to court order and in accordance with appropriate statutory authority by providing an electronic pathway to submit valid IEEPA duty refund claims.

CAPE is designed to consolidate refunds of IEEPA duties including interest rather than processing refunds on an entry-by-entry basis. CBP plans to implement CAPE through a phased development approach, adding more functionality in subsequent phases for more complicated scenarios. CAPE Phase 1 is limited to certain unliquidated entries and certain entries within 80 days of liquidation.

Requesting refunds of IEEPA duties requires only the following summarized actions:

- Importers of Record (IORs) and authorized Customs brokers have an established ACE Secure Data Portal account (ACE Portal account)
- Refund recipients use the ACE Portal account to provide CBP with bank account information for refunds
- IORs and authorized Customs brokers submit CAPE Declarations in the ACE Portal

The CAPE process starts with the filing of the CAPE Declaration in the ACE Portal by the IOR or the authorized broker who filed entries on behalf of the IOR. Once accepted, CBP will remove the IEEPA Harmonized Tariff Schedule number and recalculate the duties due without IEEPA, updating the entry to a new version. CBP will review the updated version of the entry and liquidate or reliquidate. Refunds will be consolidated by IOR or the party designated via CBP Form 4811 and liquidation date.

To be clear, the following entry types will NOT be included in the first phase of refunds:

- Reconciliation Entries
- Entries with an open protest
- Entries with a drawback claim against it
- Entries that include Antidumping or Countervailing duties.
- Entries that are liquidated beyond 80 days

Once the C.A.P.E. system is deployed on April 20th either the importer or the Customs broker/filer must submit a C.A.P.E. declaration listing all customs entries where an IEEPA tariff was paid. Entries should not be duplicated on this list and must be uploaded to the ACE Portal. Upon submission of the declaration CBP will validate all entries to insure the submitted list meets the Phase I criterion. Once validated the CBP ACE/C.A.P.E. system will then remove all IEEPA entry lines and will liquidate or reliquidate the entries for a refund of the IEEPA tariffs plus applicable interest.

Each upload (and there can be more than one) will be issued a job number and will be stored in the file upload section within the C.A.P.E. tab on the ACE Portal. Users will be able to download initial validation results as well as the status of these IEEPA refunds under the C.A.P.E. claims status section. If any entries do not

pass validation for any reason the issue can be fixed and the entries re-uploaded under a new job number.

American Shipping Company (ASC) should have the required C.A.P.E. declaration programmed and ready for use no later than Wednesday April 15th. The C.A.P.E. declaration will be made available on AmeriReports for our Customers to download, along with a full report that will indicate all IEEPA tariffs paid. This report will be available under our "Entry Details" report on the Operations tab.

If you have not applied for your own ACE Portal account or have not set up your ACE portal account to accept refunds and require assistance, please contact compliance@shipamerican.com, we are happy to assist. Additionally, if you have not been set up to use AmeriReports and wish to do so, please also let us know at compliance@shipaercan.com and we will send you the required CTPAT forms to complete and return so we can get you set up to access our system.

As an option, you may also request that American Shipping Company manage the entire refund process and to collect your refund on your behalf. If you chose this option, please send us your authorization to do so at compliance@shipamerican.com noting there could be a charge for this service.

If you would like to manage the refund process yourself on your own ACE Portal account and would like us to send you the IEEPA report with listed IEEPA duties plus the matching C.A.P.E. declaration we are also happy to provide for no additional charge. For more details on the above please [\(Click Here\)](#).

If we do not hear from you as we work down the list of clients, we will be reaching out to you in order to determine how you would like us to assist in recovering these IEEPA Tariff refunds!

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