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## IEEPA Tariff Refunds Moving Forward — But Delays Expected

Judge Richard Eaton described CBP's work to set up an automated reciprocal tariff refund process as satisfactory. He is continuing the suspension of his order to liquidate entries without IEEPA tariffs.

Brandon Lord, executive director of trade programs at CBP, filed an update of the progress made on March 12 at the trade court. He noted that there will be a claim portal as the importers and customs brokers interface with the Consolidated Administration and Processing of Entries, or CAPE. The portal development is 70% done.

Once filers submit information about entries that included IEEPA tariffs, CBP will use a mass processing program to remove IEEPA HTS numbers and run duty calculations for the other tariffs owed. This part of the process is 40% complete.

Next, CAPE will review and liquidate or re-liquidate entries. Liquidation will be set for a number of days that Lord did not specify, but enough to give CBP a chance to do a manual review if needed, and this part of the program will also calculate interest. Liquidations will happen Monday through Thursday, rather than once a week on Friday.

The refund segment will consolidate refunds by importer, and liquidation date, though IOR's can also designate a party to receive refunds on its behalf. This part is 60% complete.

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