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Market Update

CBP: CAPE Phase 3 Process to Launch Oct. 6

The third phase of CBP's Consolidated Administration and Processing of Entries (CAPE) refund system will launch Oct. 6, according to a Sept. 15 [declaration](#) from Brandon Lord, executive director of the trade programs directorate of CBP's Office of Trade (Freestyle World v. United States, CIT # 26-01088).

"Plaintiffs who submitted a valid importer of record number to CBP by July 30, 2026, will be able to file CAPE declarations for Phase 3 as of October 6, 2026," Lord told the Court of International Trade. CAPE Phase 3 will focus on finally liquidated entries subject to International Emergency Economic Powers Act tariffs for importers who filed suit at CIT and received an order for reliquidation.

The agency previously argued that it can only refund finally liquidated entries with a reliquidation order from the trade court. In July, CIT Judge Richard Eaton began filing an order in over 3,700 lawsuits that gave CBP the authority to reliquidate finally liquidated entries (see 2607200049).

The agency said that additional instructions will be provided to "the plaintiffs who provided an importer of record number after July 30."

Lord's declaration also included general updates about the CAPE system's progress. As of 3 p.m. ET on Sept. 11, Lord said, 286,044 CAPE declarations have been submitted, 201,293 of those declarations passed the file validations and about \$134.7 billion in "potential and certified refunds" have been accepted for processing in the CAPE system. This is a modest increase from Lord's Aug. 25 declaration, in which he said that about \$132.5 billion in "potential and certified refunds" had been accepted for processing by Aug. 21 at 3 p.m. ET.

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