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Market Update

CAPE 3 Filings Process Opened October 6

Following the successful deployment of **Phase III** of the Consolidated Administration and Processing of Entries (**CAPE**) refund system by [U.S. Customs and Border Protection \(CBP\)](#), an importer's timeline for filing a CAPE III declaration depends entirely on when their attorney submitted their valid Importer of Record (IOR) identification (such as an IRS number/Tax ID Number) to the agency.

For eligible Court of International Trade (CIT) plaintiffs whose attorneys submitted their IRS/IOR data to CBP **on or before the July 30, 2026, cutoff**, filing capabilities opened immediately at system launch.

Conversely, for plaintiffs whose attorneys submitted the matching tax and identification numbers **after July 30, 2026**, processing remains delayed; these importers cannot yet file declarations and must wait for CBP to issue rolling, biweekly schedules and additional technical guidelines to clear their finally liquidated entries.

If you are a client that may have filed suit with the Court of International Trade, and your attorney has submitted the required information to CBP prior to the July 30th cutoff, please email Ralph Natale at ralphn@shipamerican.com for any assistance needed to file the CAPE 3 declaration.

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