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CBP's Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act Importer Guidance

The Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act (UFLPA) was signed into law by President Biden on December 23, 2021.

It establishes a rebuttable presumption that the importation of any goods, wares, articles, and merchandise mined, produced, or manufactured wholly or in part in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China, or produced by certain entities on the Forced Labor Enforcement Task Force (FLETF) Entity List, is prohibited by Section 307 of the Tariff Act of 1930 and that such goods, wares, articles, and merchandise are not entitled to entry to the United States. The presumption applies unless the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) determines that the importer of record has fully complied with the FLETF-issued importer guidance, responded to all inquiries, and determines by clear and convincing evidence, that the goods, wares, articles, or merchandise were not produced using forced labor.

CBP has released [importer guidance](#) to assist the trade community in preparing for the implementation of the UFLPA rebuttable presumption that goes into effect on June 21, 2022. Please be aware that this **CBP guidance document is intended to provide operational guidance to trade stakeholders and complements the UFLPA strategy guidance. Importers must comply with the importer guidance within UFLPA strategy. UFLPA, Section 3(b).**

Please frequently check CBP's UFLPA [webpage](#) for the latest information on the UFLPA and send inquiries to the [inbox](#).

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Congress Passes Ocean Shipping Reform Bill

The House voted Monday to pass the Senate version of the Ocean shipping Reform Act 369-42. This legislation is expected to help reduce supply chain congestion, penalize unfair carrier practices, better aid agricultural exporters, and address broader issues in the ocean freight delivery system. President Biden acknowledged his agreement with the passage, and is expected to sign the Bill into law soon.

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