

# How does CBP enforce 19 U.S.C. 1307?

CBP implements 19 U.S.C. 1307 through issuance of **Withhold Release Orders (WRO)** and **Findings** to prevent merchandise produced in whole or in part in a foreign country using forced labor from being imported into the U.S.



## Withhold Release Orders

When CBP determines reasonable suspicion, the agency may issue a WRO.

- CBP may detain merchandise subject to a WRO
- Within three months of importation, importers may export
- Importers may submit evidence showing merchandise was not produced using forced labor
- CBP will release merchandise if determined admissible or merchandise will be excluded from entry



## Findings

When CBP determines probable cause, the agency will publish a formal finding in the Customs Bulletin and the Federal Register.

- Merchandise under a finding is subject to seizure and forfeiture
- Upon importation, merchandise may be detained pending admissibility determination or seized
- Importers may not export
- Importers may submit evidence showing merchandise was not produced using forced labor

