What are the timelines and investigative benchmarks for forced labor petitions?

Review Phase

Investigative Phase

30 Days



Determine Petition
Outcome

- Conduct Preliminary Review
- Accept, Refer, or Reject

Approx. 90 to 180

Days Later



Determine Reasonable Suspicion to Issue Withhold Release Order

- Corroborate Facts
- Collect Evidence & Conduct Field Work
- Develop Analysis & Assessment
- Conduct Internal Review & Finalize Determination

Approx. 180 to 365
Days Later



Determine Probable Cause to Issue Finding

- Strengthen Case File & Collect Evidence
- Develop Analysis & Assessment
- Conduct Internal Review & Finalize Determination

For more information on these timelines, click on **Forced Labor Enforcement Task Force: Establishing Times Report**

Ongoing CBP Considerations

- Review & Response to Petitions for Admissibility, Modification, or Revocation
- Conduct Verification Audits & Inquiries
- Support Related Interagency Investigations
 - Manage Detained or Seized Cargo
 - Determine, Issue, & Collect Penalties



