



In 2007, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) established Import Safety as a Priority Trade Issue (PTI) in order to prevent unsafe products from entering the U.S. commerce.

The implementation of the Import Safety PTI permits CBP to focus its resources on the prevention of unsafe products into the United States while at the same time permitting the facilitation of legitimate cargo.

To fulfill its mission, the Import Safety PTI outlines three key objectives:

- Create nationwide uniformity on the detention, seizure, destruction and/or other required enforcement measures to control any potential import safety concerns;
- Create an automated system permitting information gathering and sharing among participating government agencies; and
- Coordinate and communicate intra-agency and inter-agency risk assessment, targeting and response to import safety concerns, particularly concerning the potential exposure and harm to the American public.

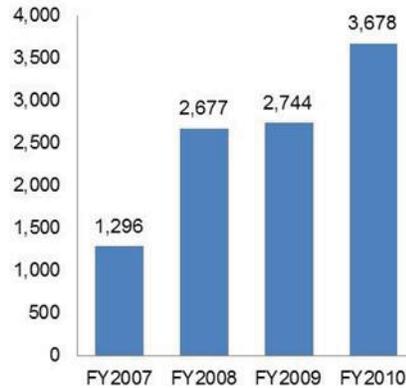
CBP is often required to examine and hold merchandise on behalf of other government agencies that have the regulatory authority to determine the admissibility of these products.

FY2010 Trade Exams



CBP enforces the laws of more than 45 other government agencies. In FY2010, 64% of CBP trade examinations were conducted on behalf of other agencies.

Import Safety Seizures



Seizures related to import safety have nearly tripled since 2007.

CBP works collaboratively and collectively with the other agencies tasked with import safety to maintain the highest level of security and safety for our nation.

The foundation of interagency efforts in the area of import safety is active participation in workgroups, such as the Import Safety Interagency Workgroup and the Food Safety Working Group.

In addition to participation in these working groups, the Import Safety PTI is dedicated to:

- Providing leadership to Automated Commercial Environment (ACE)/ International Trade Data System (ITDS) process by working with the participating government agencies to develop and refine their requirements for Cargo Release.
- Providing policy recommendations in the area of Import Safety by evaluating legislative and regulatory packages, while striving to implement new processes and procedures to maximize all agencies' resources and implementing new legislation.
- Expand the use of risk assessment methodologies to maximize our resources and strengthen our import safety expertise.