



Percentage of AD/CVD Entry Summaries filed in ACS vs ACE by Fiscal Year

Fiscal Year	Percent in ACE	Percent in ACS
2010	0.11	99.89
2011	0.17	99.83
2012	0.47	99.53
2013	11.59	88.41
2014	26.03	73.97
2015	57.34	42.66
2016	72.59	27.41

Fiscal Year 2015 19 U.S.C. §1592 Penalties for AD/CVD Violations.

During FY 2015, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, CBP, assessed penalties under 19 U.S.C. §1592 for fraud, gross negligence, and negligence for AD/CVD violations for more than \$51 million. The penalties covered imports of commodities such as: aluminum extrusions, bedroom furniture, carbon and alloy steel, citric acid and sodium citrate, laminated woven sack, large diameter line pipe, pencils, petroleum candles, polyethylene bags, and tires.

CBP Penalizes Two Wire Hanger Importers

In other penalty actions, CBP imposed \$420,478 in civil penalties on two importers from China for evading the antidumping duty order on wire hangers. CBP found that both importers failed to properly report the imports as subject to antidumping duties and failed to pay the antidumping duties. This resulted in a potential loss of revenue of \$1.4 million in antidumping duties. CBP found the importers negligent because of false statements and false invoicing. CBP is continuing its enforcement of the antidumping duty orders on wire hangers from China, Vietnam and Taiwan.

Texas-Based Importers Agree to Pay \$15 Million to Settle False Claims Act Suit for Alleged Evasion of Customs Duties

The Department of Justice, DoJ, stated that University Furnishings LP and its general partner, Freedom Furniture Group Inc. (collectively known as University Furnishings) agreed to pay \$15 million to resolve a lawsuit brought under the False Claims Act. It was alleged that the companies made or conspired with others to make false statements regarding the tariff classification in order to avoid paying duties on wooden bedroom furniture imported from the People's Republic of China.

2016 Customs Steel Seminars

CBP's steel industry partners will be presenting five seminars in 2016. The partners are:

- American Iron and Steel Institute
- Committee on Pipe and Tube Imports
- Specialty Steel Industry of North America
- Wire Rod Producers' Coalition
- Pre-Stressed Concrete Railroad Tire Wire Coalition
- Steel Grating Coalition
- Long Product Producers' Coalition

The schedule for the steel seminars is:

Laredo, TX	February 23-25
New Orleans, LA	April 12-14
Philadelphia, PA	May 17-19
Los Angeles / Long Beach CA	July 19-21
Detroit, MI	August 23-25