



Supply Chain Due Diligence

Forced Labor Enforcement

CBP works diligently to prevent goods manufactured by forced labor from being imported into the U.S. by enforcing the withhold release orders and findings of 19 U.S.C. 1307. To release shipments subject to WRO/findings, importers must submit a certificate of origin and a detailed statement showing the merchandise was not produced with forced labor.

Ensuring an Ethical Supply Chain

To combat the risks of forced or indentured child and forced labor in your operations and global supply chains, you should have a comprehensive and transparent social compliance system in place.

The following resources can assist companies without such a system, strengthen systems already in place or assist with conducting supply chain due diligence.

Start with the link below. It takes you to the Department of Labor's site for guidance on setting up a social compliance system.
<https://www.dol.gov/ilab/child-forced-labor/>

Reasonable Care

Importers may obtain advice from a customs expert. For example, a licensed customs broker, customs/international trade attorney, or customs consultant.

Supply Chain Audits

Audits to evaluate risks in your supply chain are available from many private sources.

CBP Binding Rulings Program

Administrative rulings are available on prospective transactions. For additional information, please refer to 19 C.F.R. 177 and to the customs rulings online search system at:
<http://rulings.cbp.gov/>

CBP's Informed Compliance Publications

Current informed compliance publications can be located at:
<https://www.cbp.gov/trade/rulings/informed-compliance-publications>

U.S. Government Publications

Other guidance for the trade community:

- Department of State *Trafficking in Persons Report*: <http://www.state.gov/j/tip/rls/tiprpt/>
- Department of Labor *Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor*:
<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/ilab/resources/reports/child-labor/findings>

Civil Society and International Organizations

These organizations produce investigative reports concerning labor rights and working conditions in countries that export to the United States. The intergovernmental Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development has produced numerous publications discussing supply chain management and due diligence.
<http://www.oecd.org/>

For additional information and a complete list of WROs and findings, please visit:
<https://www.cbp.gov/trade/trade-community/programs-outreach/convict-importations>