



Award of Compensation to Informers

Under 19 U.S.C. §1619 (the Moiety Statute), and CBP's implementing regulations at 19 C.F.R. §161, Subpart B, informants who provide original information about any fraud concerning customs revenue, or any violation of customs or navigation laws, or any other laws administered or enforced by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) or U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), may apply for compensation (a Moiety award) provided a net amount is recovered based on the information.

What is original information?

Original information is defined as information provided to CBP or ICE that these agencies do not already have in their possession and that is specific enough to allow CBP and/or ICE to investigate and determine if the fraud or violation of laws has occurred. Original information should include as much detail as possible about the violator, the type of the violation, its date, location, and any other relevant information.

How can information be provided?

The recommended method of providing information is via e-Allegations, CBP's online trade violation reporting system. The information, including informant's personal information, will be kept strictly confidential and only be used for investigation. Please visit the CBP's e-Allegations website at <https://eallegations.cbp.gov>. Information can also be provided to CBP's Strategic Enforcement Branch, by mail or e-mail, at the addresses below.

Who can file a Moiety claim?

Any person who is not an employee or officer of the United States who provides original information concerning any fraud concerning customs revenue, or any violation of the laws enforced by CBP or ICE may file a Moiety claim.

How can an informant file a Moiety claim?

A Moiety claim may be filed at any time after information is provided. Claims must be filed on a DHS Form 4623 and be mailed or e-mailed to CBP's Strategic Enforcement Branch at the addresses below. Claims which are filed before an investigation or enforcement case(s) relating to recovery are complete, will be held for consideration until completion.

What is the maximum amount of compensation?

The maximum monetary award is limited to 25 percent of the net recovery and under no circumstance is the amount paid for any one claim to exceed \$250,000 regardless of the amount of recoveries resulting from the information provided. No claim of less than \$100 will be paid.

When does an informant get paid?

After information is provided to CBP or ICE and the investigation confirms that it is original information that has led to a net recovery, those who have made a Moiety claim may be entitled to monetary compensation. Compensation can only be paid after the completion of the enforcement case(s) relating to the recovery. This process may take several years to complete.

CBP Strategic Enforcement Branch Contact Information

Information may be provided, and Moiety claims may be filed, with CBP's Strategic Enforcement Branch by e-mail at moiety@cbp.dhs.gov or by mail at the following address:

Strategic Enforcement Branch
Civil Enforcement Division
Trade Remedy Law Enforcement Directorate
Office of Trade
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
1331 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
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