



Forced Labor Enforcement Actions

CBP implements 19 U.S.C. §1307 through issuance and enforcement of Withhold Release Orders (WRO) and findings to prevent merchandise produced in whole or in part in a foreign country using forced labor from being imported into the United States.

| Withhold Release Orders | Findings |
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| <p>When information reasonably, but not conclusively, indicates that merchandise produced with forced labor is being imported, CBP may issue a WRO (19 C.F.R. § 12.42(e)).</p> <p>CBP detains imported merchandise that is subject to a WRO. Within three months of importation, importers may either export the goods or submit evidence showing the merchandise was not produced with forced labor. If importers provide evidence, and CBP determines that the merchandise is admissible, then the merchandise will be released. Otherwise, the merchandise will be excluded (denied entry).</p> | <p>When information conclusively indicates that merchandise produced with forced labor is being imported, CBP will publish a formal finding in the Customs Bulletin and in the Federal Register (19 C.F.R. § 12.42(f)).</p> <p>Merchandise under a finding is subject to seizure and forfeiture and, upon importation, may be detained pending admissibility determination or seized. Importers may not export merchandise that is subject to a finding. Detention and seizure notices will provide information to importers on submitting evidence that the merchandise was not produced with forced labor.</p> |

Monitoring Your Supply Chain

CBP encourages stakeholders in the trade community to closely examine their supply chains to ensure goods imported into the U.S. are not mined, produced, or manufactured, wholly or in part, in a foreign country with prohibited forms of labor, i.e., convict, forced, or indentured labor under penal sanctions. Consider the resources below as starting places:

- The U.S. Department of Labor’s [Comply Chain](#) tool provides guidance on setting up a social compliance system.
- KnowTheChain is a resource for businesses and investors who need to understand and address forced labor abuses within their supply chains. <https://knowthechain.org/>
- CBP’s [Informed Compliance Publication, What Every Member of the Trade Community Should Know: Reasonable Care](#) provides guidance on the use of reasonable care in entering merchandise.

For additional information and a complete list of WROs and findings, please visit:
<https://www.cbp.gov/trade/programs-administration/forced-labor>