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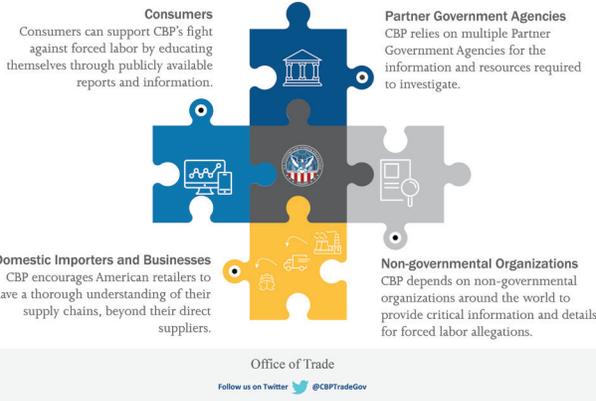
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Happy New Year trade community! The Office of Trade (OT) hasn't slowed down with the new year and is hard at work getting acquainted with the new administration. Forced labor issues continue to be a focus at OT. Our Trade Remedy Law Enforcement Directorate and Communications branch participated in National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month with our partners across the U.S. government. We also issued two new Withhold Release Orders since our last issue. CBP released its Fiscal Year 2020 Trade and Travel Report sharing the agency's accomplishments over past year. I look forward to continued collaboration with the trade community in 2021.
-Brenda Smith, Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Trade

FORCED LABOR AND OUR PARTNERS



National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

In case you missed it, January was National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. In honor of the occasion, we assembled a wealth of information to help you learn more about forced labor and what we're doing at CBP as a global leader to ensure a level playing field for American businesses while promoting humane and ethical working conditions for workers around the world. The press briefing we held this month on the [Xinjiang region-wide Withhold Release Order \(WRO\)](#) on cotton and tomato products led to media coverage that reached an estimated audience of more than 825 million people! January was filled with a flurry of activity, including interviews with various local and national news outlets, and we'd

like to share a sample of our efforts with you here. Take a look at the resources outlined below to learn more about our most recent enforcement actions and CBP's role in combating forced labor.

Forced Labor 101 Resources:

- [Resource library](#) with statistics and informative articles, including a list of educational resources for the public in the "How to Write a Forced Labor Allegation" article

Press, media, and external engagements (a small sample):

- [CBP Issues Region-Wide Withhold Release Order on Products Made by Slave Labor in Xinjiang](#)
- [PBS News Hour](#) appearance
- [Trade Guys Podcast](#)
- [Federal News Network Podcast](#)
- [Washington International Trade Association Panel Discussion](#)
- [CNN article](#)
- [Freight Waves article](#)
- [Radio Free Asia article](#)

Popular on @CBPTradeGov

- 12/3: @CBP announces a Withhold Release Order on palm oil and products containing palm oil traceable to Sime Darby Plantation Berhad and its joint ventures, subsidiaries, and affiliated entities due to information reasonably indicating #ForcedLabor. #CBPTrade
- 1/13: Effective today, @CBP will detain all cotton products and tomato products produced in China's Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region based on information that reasonably indicates the use of #ForcedLabor. For more information see: <https://go.usa.gov/xAhW2>
- 2/3: Last year, CBP seized over 26,000 shipments of fake goods in order to protect consumers from these harmful and illegitimate products. #SuperBowlLV #FakeGoodsRealDangers #TruthBehindCounterfeits

CBPTrade in the News

- [Bogus Merch: Fake Rolex, Vuitton, Gucci, Chanel, Fendi, Versace Goods Seized](#) – *Sourcing Journal* – 2/3
- [U.S. Customs has seized millions of counterfeit N95s. Here's how to spot a fake](#) – *CBS* – 2/5

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Intellectual Property Rights Joint Operation for Super Bowl LV

CBP, along with Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations (ICE HSI), the Intellectual Property Rights Center, and other governmental partners, were in Tampa, Florida working with the NFL and local law enforcement for weeks securing the Super Bowl and ensuring that only legitimate merchandise is available for purchase at the big game. Counterfeit and pirated goods threaten America's innovation economy, the competitiveness of our businesses, the livelihoods of U.S. workers, and, in some cases, national security and the health and safety of consumers. During large events like the Super Bowl, these goods can flood the marketplace, making it difficult for consumers to find the real thing. CBP targets and seizes

imports of counterfeit and pirated goods, and enforces exclusion orders on patent-infringing and other intellectual property rights violative goods.

During a [joint press conference](#) in Tampa on Feb. 3, ICE, CBP, the NFL, and the Tampa Police Department announced the seizure of more than 169,000 counterfeit sports-related items over the past year, worth an estimated \$45 million.

Last year, ICE HSI announced that enforcement actions related to "Operation Team Player" resulted in the record-breaking seizure of \$123 million worth of counterfeit sports merchandise. However, due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, much of the illegal activity moved online, pushing HSI's efforts more toward commercial websites engaged in the illegal sale and distribution of counterfeit goods. Learn more about the dangers of fake goods on our website at <https://www.cbp.gov/trade/priority-issues/ipr>.



CBP Releases Annual Trade and Travel Report

On Feb. 4, CBP released its annual Trade and Travel Report for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020, detailing agency accomplishments in protecting the American people, safeguarding our borders, and enhancing the nation's economic prosperity during the previous fiscal year.

Although the pandemic caused a slowdown in global trade, CBP processed more than 32.8 million entries valued at \$2.4 trillion in fiscal year 2020. Early on in the pandemic, CBP established a COVID-19 Cargo Resolution Team to facilitate the entry of critical medical supplies while ensuring that those supplies were authorized and safe for use.

Throughout the pandemic, CBP has remained focused on its mission to promote a level playing field for American businesses, protect consumers, and reduce trading costs. In Fiscal Year 2020, CBP collected \$78.8 billion in [duties, taxes, and other fees](#); enforced 45 new [anti-dumping/countervailing duty orders](#) while recovering more than \$94.2 million in duties owed; initiated 64 [Enforce and Protect Act](#) investigations; and prevented [\\$287 million](#) in duty evasions (a 500% increase since fiscal year 2017). In addition, CBP issued 13 new [Withhold Release Orders](#) to prevent goods made by forced labor, a form of [modern slavery](#), from entering the U.S., and detained more than [300 shipments](#) containing nearly \$50 million of goods believed to be tainted by forced labor.

Read more about how OT supported American businesses and facilitated trade in the full report on [cbp.gov](#).

New Withhold Release Orders

Since the last issue of the Trade News Snapshot, CBP has released two new Withhold Release Orders (WRO), ensuring that goods produced with forced labor, which are illegal to import into the U.S., never make it to U.S. consumers.

Upon issuance of the first WRO, effective Dec. 30, CBP began detaining imports of [palm oil and products containing palm oil](#) produced by Sime Darby Plantation Berhad and its subsidiaries, joint ventures, and affiliated entities in Malaysia.

The issuance of the WRO against Sime Darby Plantation palm oil was based on information that reasonably indicated the presence of all 11 of the [International Labour Organization's forced labor indicators](#) in Sime Darby Plantation's production process.

After issuance of the second WRO, effective Jan. 13, CBP began [detaining cotton products and tomato products](#) produced in China's Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region.

CBP issued the WRO against cotton products and tomato products produced in Xinjiang based on information that reasonably indicated the use of detainee or prison labor and situations of forced labor. The agency identified the following forced labor indicators through the course of its investigation: debt bondage, restriction of movement, isolation, intimidation and threats, withholding of wages, and abusive living and working conditions.

Learn more about CBP's forced labor mission and how you can report an allegation of forced labor violations on [cbp.gov](#).

Latest Trade Federal Register Notices

- 86 FR 6561 - [Imposition of Import Restrictions on Categories of Archaeological and Ethnological Material From Morocco](#)
- 86 FR 2255 - [Extension of Import Restrictions Imposed on Categories of Archaeological Material of Italy](#)
- 86 FR 1983 - [Agency Information Collection Activities: Entry Summary](#)
- 86 FR 1984 - [Agency Information Collection Activities: Cargo Manifest/Declaration, Stow Plan, Container Status Messages and Importer Security Filing](#)

New Cargo System Messaging Service Updates

- CSMS #46065846 - [Annual Quota Opening February 7, 2021: Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic \(CSPV\) Solar Cells](#)
- CSMS #46065530 - [Quarterly Quota Opening February 7, 2021: Large Residential Washing Machines 2021 Period 1](#)
- CSMS #46063914 - [Latest Version of ACE Entry Summary Query CATAIR Posted to CBP.gov](#)
- CSMS #46031819 - [Entries Subject to AD/CVD Third Country Cases](#)