

# What are the timelines and investigative benchmarks for forced labor petitions?



**30 DAYS**



## Determine Petition Outcome

- Conduct Preliminary Review
- Accept, Refer, or Reject

**APPROX. 90 TO 180 DAYS LATER**



## Determine Reasonable Suspicion to Issue Withhold Release Order

- Corroborate Facts
- Collect Evidence & Conduct Field Work
- Develop Analysis & Assessment
- Conduct Internal Review & Finalize Determination

**APPROX. 180 TO 365 DAYS LATER**



## Determine Probable Cause to Issue Finding

- Strengthen Case File & Collect Evidence
- Develop Analysis & Assessment
- Conduct Internal Review & Finalize Determination

For more information on these timelines, click on [Forced Labor Enforcement Task Force: Establishing Times Report](#)

## Ongoing CBP Considerations

- Review & Response to Petitions for Admissibility, Modification, or Revocation
- Conduct Verification Audits & Inquiries
- Support Related Interagency Investigations
- Manage Detained or Seized Cargo
- Determine, Issue, & Collect Penalties



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