

CTPAT ALERT

Xinjiang Supply Chain Business Advisory

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To enhance communication with its Members, the Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (CTPAT) program routinely highlights security matters for the purpose of raising awareness and renewing Partners' vigilance in supply chain security. This CTPAT Alert highlights the heightened risks for businesses with supply chain and investment links to the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (Xinjiang) in China.

On July 13, 2021, the U.S. Department of State, alongside the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the U.S. Department of Commerce, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, and the U.S. Department of Labor issued an updated Xinjiang Supply Chain Business Advisory. The original advisory was issued on July 1, 2020.

The People's Republic of China continues its horrific abuses in Xinjiang, targeting Uyghurs, ethnic Kazakhs, and other ethnic and religious minority groups. These abuses include widespread, state-sponsored forced labor and intrusive surveillance, forced population control measures and separation of children from families, mass detention, and other human rights abuses and crimes against humanity. Given the severity and extent of these abuses, businesses and individuals with potential exposure to or connection with operations, supply chains, or laborers from the Xinjiang-region, should be aware of the significant reputational, economic, and legal risks of involvement with entities or individuals in or linked to Xinjiang that engage in human rights abuses, including but not limited to forced labor and intrusive surveillance.

Among other issues, the updated advisory highlights:

- Information related to widespread, state-sponsored forced labor and intrusive surveillance in and related to Xinjiang;
- Updated information about U.S. government actions taken in response to human rights abuses in and in connection to Xinjiang, including but not limited to the issuance of Withhold Release Orders by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the addition of entities to the U.S. Department of Commerce Entity List, the imposition of economic sanctions by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the imposition of visa restrictions by the U.S. Department of State, and the addition of goods to the U.S. Department of Labor's *List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor* (Annex 1);
- A list of other countries' regulatory provisions on forced labor in supply chains (Annex 7).

Relevant Links:

<https://www.state.gov/xinjiang-supply-chain-business-advisory/>

<https://www.state.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Xinjiang-Business-Advisory-13July2021-1.pdf>

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