



## U.S. Customs and Border Protection

## Trade Intelligence

# FACT SHEET

CBP is leveraging the private sector to develop actionable trade intelligence under its Private Sector Intelligence Liaison Office (PSILO) concept. This dedicates industry personnel to strategic CBP locations, identifying issues of mutual interest. Together, the PSILO and CBP work to manage issues in need of resolution via CBP's targeting, enforcement, or intelligence efforts.

### **PSILO Concept**

PSILO representatives are drawn from the security, customs compliance, and sourcing departments of the association or importer component.

Representatives will provide critical insight to CBP on enforcement issues related to developments in the intellectual property rights, anti-dumping and countervailing duty, and trade preference areas, as well as advise CBP on the latest industry-wide changes.

The PSILO concept will be vital to maintaining an effective and forward-focused enforcement and facilitation posture within CBP.

### **Industry Participation and Confidentiality**

CBP will ensure that all necessary "firewalls" to protect importer business confidential information are established and enforced.

### **Implementation**

Standing up the PSILO involves recruiting and gaining the support of "trusted partner" industry representatives, who provide the following:

- up-to-the-minute information on industry trends, issues that may impact CBP processing and enforcement, and specific allegations of fraud or malfeasance;
- insight to CBP on enforcement issues related to developments in the intellectual property rights, anti-dumping and countervailing duty, and trade preference areas;
- advice on the latest industry-wide changes;
- and coordinate actionable intelligence within CBP for targeting purposes and with the Intellectual Property Rights Center, Homeland Security Investigations, and other agencies as appropriate.



### **Operating Concept**

Industry personnel are drawn from the security, customs compliance, and sourcing departments of the importer or association component and domestic industry. The PSILO is **not collocated** with CBP – representatives may be located stateside or abroad in or near source countries. The mode of interaction with CBP is "virtual" – including phone, e-mail, conference calls.

### **Contact**

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