



Dear Valued Customer,

On August 22, 2018, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Forced Labor Division will host a webinar regarding the ban on the importation of merchandise produced by forced labor. Joining them in presenting the webinar is the U.S. Department of Labor which will provide an overview of its [Comply Chain: Business Tools for Labor Compliance in Global Supply Chains](#) app and Verite', a non-profit organization that will provide an overview of a [Responsible Sourcing Tool](#).

Why should you attend? Importers generally think about tariff classification and valuation when reviewing import compliance requirements, but importers are also obligated to understand their supply chain, know the parties within the chain, and ensure products are not manufactured in violation of laws and regulations governing such merchandise when it is imported into the United States. Under Section 307 of the Tariff Act of 1930 the U.S. government bans the importation of goods produced by forced labor, and the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015 tightened the restriction by eliminating the provision that permitted such importations if the importer could demonstrate the goods were not otherwise produced in quantities to meet the U.S. demand.

CBP provides information regarding the ban on its [website](#), and in September 2017, CBP updated its [Reasonable Care Informed Compliance Publication](#) to include a section on forced labor, including links to information on the U.S. Department of Labor website and the International Labour Organization's [Indicators of Forced Labor booklet](#). Parties that import products into the United States are obligated to exercise reasonable care when entering shipments. This informed compliance publication asks questions that importers should review and ensure they take reasonable steps to ensure they are in compliance with various aspects of importing, including the forced labor ban.

Attending this webinar can help importers understand their obligations as it relates to forced labor and learn about tools that can help them in their compliance program.

To register for the event, please use this link:
<https://teregistration.cbp.gov/index.asp?w=138>