











# United States Consumer Product Safety Commission Office of Import Surveillance eFiling Implementation Newsletter

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## eFiling – CPSC's Modernized Import Approach

CPSC is excited to announce the successful launch of its eFiling Beta Pilot on October 16, 2023! We are proud to work collaboratively with more than 30 participant importers and their trade party partners including brokers, software developers, and testing labs. Importers and their partners are currently testing eFiling production systems and processes.

Beta Pilot participants are entering and managing data in the CPSC Product Registry, eFiling PGA Message Sets, and providing real-time feedback through their participation. This feedback is crucial for CPSC to identify and implement enhancements geared towards improving the efficiency and efficacy of the eFiling process. Participants will share more comprehensive feedback through a series of surveys, which will inform rulemaking and system enhancements for the full roll-out of the eFiling program.

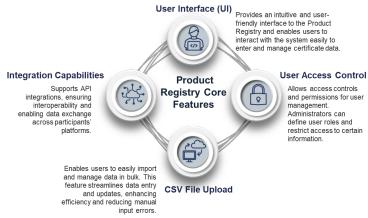
After completion of the Beta Pilot, participating importers may continue eFiling, ramping up to 100% of their consumer product catalogue as CPSC finalizes its rulemaking and system enhancements for eFiling. CPSC will consider allowing non-Pilot participants to begin eFiling prior to full implementation. Rulemaking is anticipated to be finalized by the end of calendar year 2024, which will be followed by full implementation in early 2025. CPSC will offer comprehensive training and educational programs to the trade industry beginning Summer 2024 in preparation for full implementation.

In addition to modernizing certificate data processing, importers may experience several benefits from eFiling, including reduction in risk scores for demonstrated compliance with CPSC's requirements, which may result in fewer holds and shorter review periods.

### Using the eFiling Product Registry to Manage Certificate Data

The Product Registry is a secure online application where importers can establish a Business Account and enter and manage certificate data. Importers who use the Product Registry are not required to eFile their certificate each time a product is imported. Instead, importers, or their broker, will enter certificate data for a product into the Product Registry once, and thereafter file a shorter PGA Message Set to CBP each time the product is imported. The PGA Message Set will reference a unique ID assigned to the certificate already stored in the Product Registry.

The Product Registry includes the following features and benefits:



To learn more about the Product Registry, access the eFiling Participant Standard Operating Procedure Guide - Version 1.1 (SOP) on the eFiling webpage. CPSC continues to update the SOP as we add new features and functionality to the Product Registry. Please be sure to always refer to the link for access to the latest version!

### Get Ready!

CPSC is committed to keeping the trade community informed as the eFiling program progresses toward full implementation.

#### Keep Pace with eFiling



The entire trade community can begin preparing for eFiling now, even if they are not Pilot participants! CPSC recommends the following:

- Communicate among your organization and trade party partners and visit the eFiling webpage for program details and training resources.
- Subscribe to the eFiling email list to receive the most up to date eFiling information and resources.

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