

CPSC Participation in 1USG Notification Messaging at Import

Update for CBP’s Trade Support Network

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**Purpose:** This document updates the public on the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission’s (CPSC’s) participation in One U.S. Government Notification Messaging at Import (1USG). The document details the coordination process CPSC is implementing to assist U.S. Customs and Border Protection’s (CBP’s) review of compliant products entering U.S. commerce. For products defined by certain Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) codes (product groupings are listed below), CPSC will receive notification of an incoming product of interest. At the same time, trade<sup>1</sup> will receive an “UNDER REVIEW” message, signifying that CPSC needs to review that entry. If, after review, CPSC determines that a shipment requires examination, either at the port, or at the importer’s premises, trade will receive additional messaging through the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). This additional notification will augment current CPSC practices, by automating notification using ACE, and allowing CPSC necessary time to indicate that an examination is required.<sup>2</sup> Although the CPSC’s review may delay the notification of a 1USG release for products of interest, it will not impact the flow of goods through the border, unless CPSC determines that an intensive examination is required, and CBP concurs.

**Methodology:** As CBP continues to modernize ACE, CPSC has been integrating its Risk Assessment Methodology system, known as ITDS/RAM, with ACE, to coordinate further efforts with CBP and the trade community regarding examination and disposition results. This represents the first phase, *Hold Request and Conditional Release Coordination*. Using established messaging under Participating Government Agency coordination, known as “Event Messaging,” CPSC will be able to notify CBP more effectively of the need to examine cargo at the border.

CPSC has developed an overall entry review plan for 1USG notification. It allows for faster review by CPSC of low-risk shipments at the port. Table 1 below provides details on the timeframes for CPSC’s review of data for imported products under the agency’s jurisdiction.

**TABLE 1: CLOCK PRIORITIZATION IN RAM**

Mode of Transport	Entry Filed 3 or more Business Days Before Estimated Date of Arrival (EDA) from an Entity with unknown, or poor CPSC Compliance History OR Entry Filed with an EDA with a Compliant CPSC history*	Entry Filed Fewer than 3 Business Days Before EDA, or EDA Not Provided from an Entity with an unknown, or poor CPSC Compliance History
Air and Truck	5 Minutes after Actual Arrival	8 Business Hours after the latter of Actual Arrival or CPSC receiving the Entry
Ocean	5 Minutes after Actual Arrival	16 Business Hours after the latter of Actual Arrival or CPSC’s receiving the Entry
Other	Not Subject to CPSC 1USG	

\*-further ‘advanced notice’ on historically compliant cargo will be forthcoming when data is available.

<sup>1</sup> Trade denotes the importing community, whether the importer, broker, or express carrier is the primary agent managing the importation.

<sup>2</sup> This process does not supersede CPSC’s domestic investigatory authority to review shipments of products once they enter the country. It is possible for a “May Proceed” message to be issued through ACE, with a subsequent CPSC manual notification after 1USG review, to indicate that CPSC will examine products at the importer’s premises.

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Please note, the Estimated Date of Arrival (EDA) reported on the entry is compared to the CPSC Entry Create Date to calculate the number of Business Days. Business hours will be calibrated to the time zone of the Port of Entry code provided on the Entry; based upon the Federal calendar, 8am to 4pm in the time zone where our staff is working. These timeframes are subject to change during our discussions with CBP and the trade.

The vast majority of shipments will receive an automated “May Proceed” message initiated by CPSC systems. But, during their review, CPSC staff co-located at the ports, or in coordination with CBP, can signal an intent to examine through a ‘Hold Intact Notice’ or ‘Intensive Exam Request’. The type of requests CPSC will make to trade will depend on several factors, including, but not limited to, possible noncompliance with safety standards or regulations and the risk of injury a product poses to consumers.

The process change has rolled out to colocated ports nationwide as of March 22, 2021. It covers the product categories below (subject to change without prior notification).

- ATVs and other off-road vehicles
- Children’s Products:
  - Art Sets
  - Toys
  - Pacifiers and Rattles
  - Backpacks and School Supplies
  - Clothing:
    - Sleepwear
    - Outerwear
    - Infant articles
  - Imitation Jewelry
  - Cribs
  - Other Durable Furniture
  - Safety Gates
- Fireworks
- Liquid Nicotine
- Drywall
- Mattresses
- Bicycle Helmets
- Generators
- Batteries
- Hair Dryers
- Power Cords
- Bicycles and other electric-powered cycles
- Baby Carriages
- Holiday Lights
- Lighters
- Rugs
- Pellet Stoves
- Potentially Flammable Adult Clothing Articles, including Scarves

### Frequently Asked Questions<sup>3</sup>:

1. **What messaging will trade receive from CPSC once 1USG Notification is implemented?** Trade will initially receive an “Under Review” message if an entry is filed containing an HTS code of interest to CPSC (see list above). In addition, if CPSC determines that an examination is needed at the port, trade will receive an “Intensive Exam” or “Hold Intact” message.
2. **Will my shipment be stopped automatically at the border if it has goods covered by those HTS codes?** No. This messaging alone will not stop cargo. CPSC must request that CBP place an intensive examination to stop the cargo for CPSC purposes.
3. **How long will it take CPSC to review the entry data and complete their review? How much time is this adding to the processing of my entry?** After receiving the entry information, CPSC intends to review the data immediately and provide the disposition back to trade, usually via a “May Proceed” message. If CPSC does not complete its review within the proposed period outlined above, a “May Proceed” notification will be sent automatically.
4. **What happens if CPSC does not respond in a timely fashion?** When the stated timeframe expires without further action, CPSC systems will automatically send a “May Proceed” message to ACE. If no additional requirements were placed by other agencies, this will trigger the 1USG Notification.
5. **What defines CPSC Business Hours at the port?** CPSC participation at the ports to examine and enforce our statutes and regulations is limited to the operating hours of the Examination Stations where we work. To align with this reality, CPSC has adopted for this process a business clock of 8am to 4pm in the time zone where our staff is working on days where the Federal government is open.
6. **Will this review happen 24/7, 365 days of the year?** CPSC staff reviews the data during business hours. A “May Proceed” message will be issued automatically after the established timeframe, if CPSC has taken no action.
7. **Why must CPSC make this change?** The change is intended to facilitate real-time, transparent communications among all parties. By automating requests through ACE, CPSC can coordinate with CBP more effectively about potentially noncompliant products arriving in the United States and allow our investigators the opportunity to examine them at the port. In addition, CPSC can facilitate the flow of compliant products into the country more effectively.

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<sup>3</sup>Questions and Answers will be updated periodically to maintain utility for the trading community.

8. ***How can trade participants learn more about this process?*** Information will be updated on our website: [www.cpsc.gov/imports](http://www.cpsc.gov/imports) and guidance will be updated through this notice. Additionally, CPSC is managing a Customer Service Inbox supporting this transition and specific Entry related concerns at [RAM-2way@cpsc.gov](mailto:RAM-2way@cpsc.gov) . The self-certification environment has been closed since January 2021. As new information becomes available, it will be posted through CSMS messages and brokerage news bulletins.
  
9. ***Is cargo free to continue to move through the port after the “Under Review” message is received but before the “May Proceed” is sent?*** Yes, cargo continues through the port unimpeded unless CPSC requests an “Intensive Exam” and that request is granted by CBP, or if CBP or another PGA has reason to examine the cargo under their authority.