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Top Things to Know

Mark Your Calendars! The mandatory eFiling deadline for most imported consumer products is now less than a year away – scheduled to take effect on **July 8, 2026**. This means that importers will be required to electronically file Certificates of Compliance for regulated consumer products starting on that date. The eFiling requirements will apply to products imported from Foreign Trade Zones (FTZ) beginning on **January 8, 2027**. Refer to the [eFiling Final Rule](#) published on January 8, 2025, for the official announcement of these requirements.

Big News! CPSC's Product Registry development team recently deployed [eFiling Product Registry 1.12](#) which includes several new key features and improvements. Authorized users can now certify product certificates during bulk uploads via API or CSV. The update also improves lab/testing data handling, allows deletion of empty Product Collections, and includes minor bug fixes for a smoother user experience.

Are You an FTZ Operator or User? CPSC recently published an [eFiling guidance document for FTZ operators and users](#) containing important process steps for providing required product certificate data using the CPSC message set in U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) system and additional considerations to best prepare for full implementation.

Don't Wait for July 8! Use CPSC's Self-Registration function to join the eFiling voluntary stage! Importers and their trade partners can now join the program by completing a few simple steps! CPSC encourages early participation in the [eFiling voluntary stage](#) for system testing ahead of full implementation. **Sign up and secure your spot now!**

Need Guidance? Join CPSC's **biweekly Office Hours** to connect directly with our knowledgeable support team and gain valuable insights into the eFiling program. Registration information is available on the [CPSC Public Calendar](#) and on the [eFiling webpage](#).

Visit www.CPSC.gov/eFiling to review training materials, FAQs, and **join our [mailing list](#)**.

Now Live: Take Control with Our New Self-Registration Process!

Self-Registration for the eFiling voluntary stage is now open! Importers can create their own Product Registry Business Account – no need to wait for CPSC approval. CPSC is administering an expedited sign-up process for the eFiling voluntary stage for importers who are eager to join the program! This streamlined process will increase the number of program registrants, reduce registration waiting times, and give participants more control over their registration.

Important: Self-registration will close once the 2,000-participant limit is reached, as outlined in the [Federal Register Notice](#). CPSC continues to encourage all interested importers to register as soon as possible to secure their spot and become familiar with the eFiling systems prior to full implementation of the Final Rule on July 8, 2026 (for most regulated consumer products).

Why Participate in the Voluntary Stage?

There are **many benefits** to participating in the eFiling voluntary stage, which include the following:



Early Preparation: Seamlessly align your internal systems and workflows with upcoming eFiling requirements to be fully prepared before the mandate takes effect.



Shaping the Future: Provide real-time feedback on the eFiling platform and play an active role in influencing future enhancements and system updates. Industry participation in the eFiling voluntary stage also allows the CPSC eFiling support team to test and improve systems and processes prior to full implementation.



Learning with Confidence: Take advantage of expert-led Office Hours and a rich library of educational resources to master eFiling before it becomes mandatory.



eFiling Voluntary Stage Participant Feedback

We are excited to highlight the positive experiences shared by eFiling voluntary stage participants during our July 2025 eFiling panel. Panelists discussed the benefits of early participation, the exceptional support from the eFiling team, and additional valuable resources. Their feedback underscores the value of joining the voluntary stage and learning and adapting to eFiling systems and processes now to ensure a smooth transition prior to full implementation of the eFiling Final Rule.

Why Join the Voluntary Stage?

Company Understanding & Compliance

“The pivotal point came following a discussion with CPSC staff... This helped our company understand the benefits of participating before full implementation.”

— *Importer, eFiling Voluntary Stage Participant, July 2025*

Collaboration & Support

“The [eFiling team](#) has been so helpful in fielding our technical and program-related questions. The staff are incredible!”

— *Broker, eFiling Voluntary Stage Participant, July 2025*

Helpful eFiling Resources

“The [eFiling Quick Start Guide](#) has been very useful – we share this resource with all our importer customers.”

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become
mandatory for
most importers
on July 8, 2026.**

**Sign up for the
eFiling voluntary
stage to begin
preparing!**



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Have eFiling Questions? Join CPSC for Office Hours!

CPSC staff hosts biweekly eFiling Virtual Office Hour sessions for importers, trade partners, and other interested stakeholders to discuss eFiling program questions with the CPSC eFiling support team. Topics discussed include:

- Business Account Management
- CPSC Product Registry
- PGA Message Sets, and more

Participants are encouraged to submit their eFiling questions when completing the Office Hours registration form to ensure these questions are addressed during Office Hours. To learn more and register for these Office Hours, please view CPSC's [Public Calendar](#).

Training Resources to Support Your Success

CPSC emphasizes the value of active participation in the eFiling voluntary stage to all importers and trade partners. CPSC has crafted a robust library of training materials to help importers, and their trade partners, prepare for full implementation. CPSC continues to update and improve training materials available on the eFiling webpage at www.CPSC.gov/eFiling.

To access key resources related to the eFiling program, CPSC encourages current and prospective participants to review the training materials available in our [Document Library](#) which includes:

- An eFiling Quick Start Guide
- Other essential eFiling program information
- Product Registry Training Videos



Product Registry Updates

Recent eFiling Product Registry updates include the following:

eFiling Product Registry 1.11 features:

- **Trade Party Privacy:** Business Account Administrators (BAAs) can now control who has permission to see the trade parties (i.e., Manufacturers, Testing Laboratories, and Points of Contact) that are uploaded to their account with the use of “private” Product Collections. BAAs can designate a Product Collection as “private” when creating a new collection to ensure that trade parties subsequently added to the collection will only be visible to users granted access to that specific collection.
- **Expanded Product Name Field:** The “Product Name” field now supports up to 250 characters.

eFiling Product Registry 1.12 features:

- Authorized users can certify product certificates as part of the bulk upload process (via API or CSV)
- Updated handling of lab/testing data, including allowing for duplicate laboratory entries as well as the (optional) labeling of component parts testing
- Users can now delete empty Product Collections
- Several other minor bug fixes

These enhancements improve usability and performance, making it easier for importers and their trade partners to manage their product data! CPSC encourages Product Registry users to check the [Product Registry Change Log](#) regularly for new features and improvements as well as known issues and bugs that the development team plans to address in future application updates.

How Can Your Business Act Today?

As the eFiling voluntary stage progresses and full implementation approaches, it is imperative that importers and their trade partners understand requirements and proactively prepare. Here's what your business can do now!

- ☐ **Register** for the eFiling voluntary stage.
- ☐ **Sign up for a Software Development Account** if your business intends to bulk upload data via the Application Programming Interface (API).
- ☐ **Attend eFiling Office Hours** to get your eFiling program questions answered.
- ☐ **Review the eFiling training materials** to prepare for the eFiling voluntary stage and full implementation.
- ☐ **Build a strong understanding of eFiling requirements** to assess your business's readiness.
- ☐ **Join the [eFiling mailing list](#)** to receive important eFiling announcements from CPSC.

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