



U.S. Importers Should Note Closure of Loophole in CBP's Forced Labor Statute

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It's now simpler for any party, including U.S. domestic producers and advocacy organizations to detain, seize and forfeit imported merchandise shown to have been produced by convict, forced or indentured labor, given the closure by Congress and the president of a loophole in customs law.

To learn more about how importers can proactively guard against the risk that their products will be targeted by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), click [here](#).

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