

CBP Makes Reporting Trade Violations Easier With Online Reporting System

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U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has announced the development of an online trade violation reporting system, “e-Allegations,” that can be used immediately. Through the CBP website, the trade community has the opportunity to report suspected trade violations to CBP easily and anonymously. When CBP receives a report of a possible violation, the agency will conduct its own research to determine if the alleged trade violation is valid and what actions should be taken against the violator, if any.

Information concerning potential violations can be submitted electronically to CBP via an online form. The e-Allegations submission form can be found at the following website: <https://apps.cbp.gov/eallegations/>. The types of violations that can be reported through the online form include misclassification, country of origin marking issues, health and safety violations (e.g., importing substandard steel and claiming it is of higher grade), intellectual property rights violations, and textile violations (e.g., incorrect country of origin listed to avoid quota restrictions).

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