

Beginning January 5 CBP to Require Foreign IORs to Be CTPAT Validated or Use CTPAT-Validated Broker:

Under the interim final rule, a foreign Importer of Record (IOR) generally must either be validated through the Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (CTPAT) or use a U.S.-licensed customs broker that is CTPAT validated to make entry. The requirement applies to all formal entries and certain informal consumption entries**.** A foreign IOR that is itself CTPAT validated and otherwise has the right to make entry may make entry on its own behalf or use a licensed customs broker. If the foreign IOR is CTPAT validated, the broker it chooses does not also have to be CTPAT validated. However, a foreign IOR that is not CTPAT validated must use a customs broker that is both licensed and CTPAT validated. The rule defines foreign importers of record as those that don't meet the definition of a U.S. IOR. A U.S. IOR is defined as a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, or an entity that is organized under the laws of the U.S. and located in the U.S., and that maintains 51% beneficial owners that are U.S. citizens or permanent residents and have control of the entity, or "direct ownership of a significant amount of unencumbered real property in the United States. CBP expects all brokers to be fully compliant with that requirement no later than May 6, 2027. The interim final rule, implementing President Trump's June 2026 Executive Order 14411.

CBP Reference guide

CSMS # 70449396 - Deployment of Updated Protest Application User Interface (UI) on November 14, 2026:

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CBP updated the ACE Secure Data Portal Protest application interface on November 14, 2026, as part of its ACE modernization efforts. The update does not change Protest processing or system capabilities, but users will notice several interface changes.

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