

# CUSTOMER ADVISORY

Compliance Update Agency Operations During Shutdown  
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## Operational Changes for Key Oversight Agencies During Shutdown Which Began on October 1, 2025

**Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC):** Most operations have been suspended, including import surveillance and product screening.

**Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS):** Regular services are suspended, including the processing of export license applications, commodity classification requests, and advisory opinion requests.  
Enforcement: Export controls enforcement activities are expected to continue.

**Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP):**  
Trade operations, including cargo clearance, tariff collection, and inspections, will continue without interruption. CBP personnel are classified as "excepted employees" and are required to work.

**Administrative functions:** non-excepted functions, such as policy, administrative, and research activities, are suspended.

**Department of State, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC):** Services are significantly curtailed, impacting registration renewals and the processing of export licenses and advisory opinions. National security-related functions may continue.

**Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC):** The office will likely prioritize sanctions enforcement activities. While it will handle some sanctions-related inquiries



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on a limited basis, it will suspend the review of many license applications, voluntary disclosures, and other administrative communications.

**Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS):**

While some import and export activities supported by user fees will continue, most regulatory work is suspended. This includes many functions related to animal and plant health.

**Environmental Protection Agency (EPA):**

**Activities that continue during a shutdown:** Emergency response, existing contracts and multi-year programs, criminal enforcement, and lab maintenance.

**Activities that are suspended or delayed:** Most civil enforcement inspections of facilities are stopped, which can lead to increased pollution as fewer “eyes on the ground” monitor compliance.

**U.S. Food & Drug Administration (USFDA), Food Safety & Inspection Service (FSIS):**

Mandated meat, poultry, and egg inspections continue, but other FDA activities related to food safety are reduced.

**Federal Maritime Commission (FMC):** All employees have been furloughed, and all functions have been suspended. This includes processing contract submissions, online filings, and resolving cargo disputes.

**U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC):** Regular operations have ceased, and many investigative activities are suspended. While its HTS Search Tool and Data Web remain accessible, document filing for the online docketing system is disabled.

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