

Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act Region Alert

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U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will deploy the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act (UFLPA) Region Alert enhancement to the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) on a date to be determined. This enhancement will provide an early notification to importers of goods that may have been produced in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (XUAR) which would be subject to UFLPA restrictions per H.R. 6256. This law strengthens the prohibition against the importation of goods made with forced labor and was signed into law on December 23, 2021. This enhancement includes electronic data interchange (EDI) impacts.

What will change for trade users?

Three new validations will be performed when:

- The People's Republic of China (CN) is selected as a manufacturer's country of origin for entry,
- CN is selected as a manufacturer's country of origin when a Manufacturer Identification Code (MID) is created, or
- An existing MID with Country of Origin 'CN' is updated.

The validations will be:

- Postal code will be a required field.
- Users will receive an error message if the postal code provided is not a valid Chinese postal code.
- Users will receive a warning message when a Uyghur region postal code has been provided.

Why is CBP checking postal codes?

UFLPA establishes a rebuttable presumption that the importation of any goods, wares, articles, and merchandise mined, produced, or manufactured wholly or in part in Xinjiang, or mined, produced, or manufactured by certain entities on the UFLPA Entity List, is prohibited by 19 U.S.C. § 1307, and that such goods, wares, articles, and merchandise are not entitled to entry into the United States.

What do trade users need to do?

If the user receives a warning message, they should notify the importer(s) of the rebuttable presumption established by UFLPA.

Importers may request an exception to the rebuttable presumption from CBP during a detention, after an exclusion, or during the seizure process as described in the UFLPA Operational Guidance for Importers on page 9: <https://www.cbp.gov/document/guidance/uflpa-operational-guidance-importers>.

Previously created MIDs will not need to be updated. However, when the manufacturer country is China, the system will generate an error message for the user to transmit postal code.



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What additional resources are available?

- For questions about UFLPA Region Alert, contact UFLPAINQUIRY@cbp.dhs.gov.
- Technical issues: Contact the ACE Help Desk by phone 866-530-4172 or via email at ace.support@cbp.dhs.gov.
- For additional information on the UFLPA, please visit: <https://www.cbp.gov/trade/forced-labor/UFLPA>.

