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U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced today that it is launching the IEEPA refunds portal on Monday, April 20th.

Give me the details: CBP will open the Consolidated Administration and Processing of Entries (CAPE) to streamline duty refund requests under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA).

Why it matters: CAPE will consolidate refunds of IEEPA duties, including interest, in an effort to enhance efficiency and reduce processing time.

- The first phase launches on April 20, 2026, targeting specific unliquidated entries and those within 80 days of liquidation.

How it works: Importers of record and customs brokers will use their ACE Secure Data Portal accounts to submit CAPE Declarations.

- Declarations consist of a .CSV file listing entries for IEEPA duty refunds, limited to 9,999 entries per declaration.

Get involved: If you haven't done so already, make sure you or your broker is signed up to receive ACH refunds via CBP's ACE portal.

- You can learn more about the process via the button below:

[CBP ACE Refund Info](#)

What's next: Per CBP, refunds are expected within 60-90 days post-declaration acceptance.

- Implementation follows a phased approach, with more complex scenarios handled in subsequent phases.

Access the CBP refund one-pager



U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will issue validated refunds of duties paid under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) pursuant to court order and in accordance with appropriate statutory authority. Declarations are submitted and processed using the new Consolidated Administration and Processing of Entries (CAPE) tool, which enables batch handling of IEEPA duty refunds. For complete information, visit the IEEPA Duty Refunds website via the QR code to the right.



IEEPA Duty Refunds Website



ACE Portal

Bank information and CAPE Declarations must be submitted through the [ACE Secure Data Portal](#).



Electronic Payment

All refunds are paid via Automated Clearing House (ACH). You must have bank account details on file to receive a refund. [Learn how](#).



IEEPA Refund Requests

Only the importer or the authorized customs broker who filed the entries may submit the CAPE Declaration to request a refund of IEEPA duties.

CAPE | Streamlining Process, Simplifying Refunds

CAPE is used for submitting and processing valid requests for IEEPA refunds. Importers may submit Declarations for their own entries, while customs brokers may submit Declarations for entries they filed on behalf of importers. CBP will roll out CAPE in phases.

Prepare for IEEPA Refund Requests

Importers and brokers that submit CAPE Declarations or receive IEEPA duty refunds must ensure they have an active ACE Portal account that includes bank account information for refunds, which is separate from bank account information for payments ([learn how](#)).

Refunds are not processed without this information. Importers and customs brokers should also begin compiling a list of entries on which IEEPA duties were paid.

Filing a CAPE Declaration

Importers or brokers must submit a CAPE Declaration through the ACE Portal by uploading a Comma-Separated Values (.CSV) file with the list of entry numbers for which a refund of IEEPA duties is requested. Once ACE validates the Declaration and the entry summaries listed, the filer will receive a CAPE claim number.

Need Assistance?

- Technical Questions about IEEPA refunds: IEEPARefunds@cbp.dhs.gov
- General Questions about IEEPA refunds: Traderelations@cbp.dhs.gov

CBP published the refund one-pager posted above.

- You can access the doc via the button below:

[CBP Refund Fact Sheet](#)

One last thing: Customs is providing critical updates on the process that you can access [here](#).

Get involved: We'll be discussing these critical updates and more on our FDRA member weekly call this Tuesday.

- Sign up for the call here:

[FDRA Weekly Member Call](#)

Hope you find this update helpful. We're on call for any questions you have.

Have a great weekend.

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