

External FAQs CPSC eFiling for U.S. Imports

Q. What is the new CPSC eFiling Requirement going live on July 8, 2026?

A. Beginning July 8, 2026, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) will require all U.S. importers of CPSC regulated products to electronically file (eFile) the data elements needed for Participating Government Agency (PGA) clearance at the time of entry into the United States. More than 2,400 U.S. Harmonized Tariff Codes fall under this requirement.

The full CPSC PGA message set will require importers to provide additional data elements for each product imported. To streamline the process, importers may pre-file information about the product in CPSC's Product Registry allowing the broker to transmit an abbreviated CPSC message set.

Recent reports have indicated that it may take some time to complete the CPSC Product Registry process, so we recommend importers register in the [CPSC Product Registry](#) as soon as possible, if interested. To prevent clearance delays, we strongly encourage you to prepare for the eFiling initiative.

For more information, view the additional FAQs below and check out our [regulatory alert here](#).

Q: What products are affected by the new CPSC eFiling requirements?

A: The new requirement applies to finished consumer products imported into the U.S. and regulated by the U.S. CPSC that require certification under 16 CFR Part 1110 (CPSC only regulates finished products). Examples of affected product categories include, but are not limited to:

Children's products:

- Toys and games
- Cribs, bassinets, strollers, and playsets
- Children's clothing and sleepwear
- Child car seats, carriers, and highchairs
- Household goods and furnishings:
 - Furniture (e.g. sofas, mattresses, dressers, bunk beds)
 - Rugs, carpets, and window coverings
 - Portable fuel containers and candles
- Consumer electronics and electrical products:
 - Power adapters and chargers

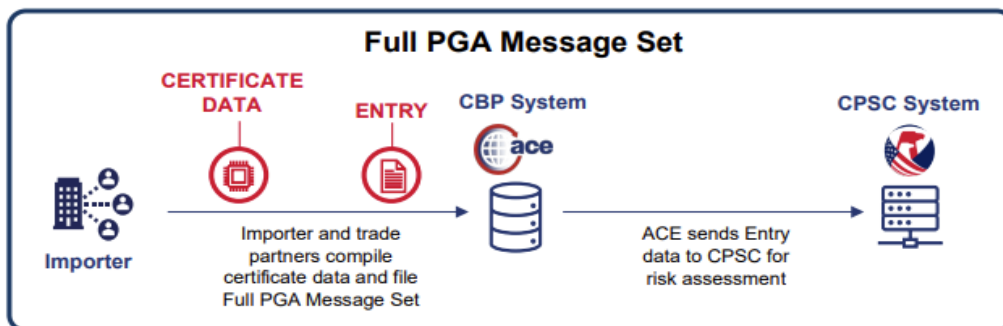
- Portable lighting products
- Small household appliances
- Battery-operated consumer devices
- Home improvement and recreation products:
- Ladders and step stools
- Sporting and recreational goods
- Outdoor grills and related consumer products
- Textiles and apparel regulated by CPSC rule:
- Flammable fabrics
- Upholstered furniture materials

Q. How does CPSC eFiling work and what data must be provided?

A. Customers must support ACE filings with CPSC certificate data using one of two eFiling methods, depending on whether or not their product is preregistered in the [CPSC Product Registry](#):

If your product is not registered, you must provide the full CPSC message set, including:

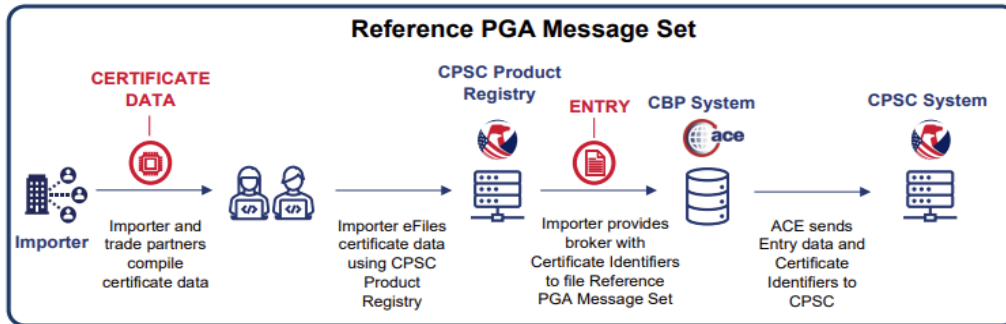
1. Product identifier (i.e., Global Trade Item Number),
2. Each applicable CPSC safety rule certified under 16 CFR part 1110,
3. Date of manufacture for the finished product,
4. Name and address for the manufacturer, producer, or assembler,
5. Date of most recent test for compliance with applicable CPSC rules,
6. Name and address for the compliance testing facility or laboratory, and
7. Contact information for the party maintaining records of test results.



If your product is registered in the CPSC Product Registry, you qualify to submit a Reference Message Set, which requires only:

1. Product ID – a unique identifier for the product being certified,
2. Certifier ID – the unique identifier created by the certifying importer, and

3. Certificate Version ID – the unique identifier for the specific version of the product certificate.



Q: What is the CPSC Product Registry and is it required?

A: The CPSC Product Registry is an optional online system that allows importers to preregister product certificate data and qualify to use the abbreviated message set in ACE. Registry use is optional but encouraged for customers that frequently import CPSC-regulated products to simplify entry filing and reduce the risk of CPSC-related shipment delays.

Q. How can I determine if my product is regulated by the CPSC?

A. The CPSC provides a product compliance tool called the [Regulatory Robot](#) to help customers determine which CPSC rules apply to each product and what certification requirements are needed. Use of the Regulatory Robot is recommended for compliance planning.

The CPSC has provided additional resources for support including: educational webinars, an [implementation guide](#), a [regulated product database](#), and more at [CPSC.gov](#).

Q. What happens if I don't register my products?

A. Shipments may be delayed if required electronic information is not provided with the shipment documentation. Customers are responsible for ensuring accurate certificate information is available at the time of entry to support ACE filings.

If you choose not to use the Reference Message Set from the CPSC Product Registry, you must provide the full CPSC message set for each product directly to the broker. To help support our customers who choose this option, FedEx has provided the following methods:

- API Integration: Use the Regulatory API or Ship API, available in the [FedEx Developer Portal](#).
- FedEx.com: Enter the data directly when creating your shipments using [FedEx Ship Manager® at fedex.com](#).
- Manual Documentation: Add the required CPSC data elements directly to your Commercial Invoice or append them as a separate document with your shipment.

Q. Who is responsible for product registration and CPSC certification?

A. For trade partners who are not the importer, CPSC product registration is the responsibility of the direct supplier or shipper. FedEx does not register products on behalf of customers.

Q. Can FedEx certify my product without accessing my CPSC eFiling portal?

A. Yes, but only for customers approved for special brokerage processing that supports submission of the full PGA message set through proprietary systems. If you have questions regarding special brokerage processing, please reach out to your sales representative.

Q. What if my HTS code flags for CPSC, but my product does not require a certificate?

A. You should provide the appropriate disclaim code (A or B). While not mandatory, disclaim codes support CPSC review and may reduce delays.

Q. Is the CPSC information required at import?

A. Yes. CPSC information is required at the time of import clearance when the customs entry is filed.

Q. If I eFile directly with CPSC, do I still need to send data to FedEx?

A. Yes. If FedEx is acting as your broker, the required CPSC data must still be provided to FedEx, even if you eFile separately.

Q. Who is listed as the certifying entity if FedEx is the importer of record?

A. If products are not registered, the certifying entity remains the responsible party, not FedEx.

Q. Can a non-resident importer (NRI) register in the CPSC Product Registry?

A. Yes. NRIs may register directly with CPSC following CPSC registration guidance.

Q: How do I obtain the required data from my trade partners, and can I still ship products if my trade partners cannot provide that data?

A: You should reach out to your trade partners and make sure the information is available. Products with incomplete or missing data will not clear customs.

Q. I want to import a few samples of my products for display or testing purposes, not for retail sale. Do my products need to comply with CPSC requirements, or is there some kind of exception for these situations?

A. Consumer products that are imported only as samples—and are not intended for distribution into U.S. interstate commerce or otherwise to be used by U.S. consumers—do not need to comply with CPSC product safety requirements. Importers of “sample-only” products may be subject to review by CPSC staff upon the product’s entry into the United States and must be able to demonstrate that the “sample-only” products will not be distributed to or used by consumers at any time. CPSC strongly suggests that importers provide (1) accompanying documentation showing the product’s ultimate disposition and/or (2) mark the products in such a way that makes them unsuitable for sale or distribution to consumers. Ultimately, the importer is responsible for ensuring that the product does not end up in U.S. interstate commerce.

CBP has published guidance on the [importation of commercial samples](#) that may be helpful for importers. Importers should work closely with their licensed customs broker who can provide expert guidance on these import procedures.

CPSC recommends that importers who import products for soliciting orders use Option I or II from the CBP guidance. Those options have multiple HTS codes to indicate the product is “sample-only” for soliciting orders. Importers who import products for testing should use Option IV. Those samples would be considered prototypes and should only use the HTS code 9817.85.01: *prototypes to be used exclusively for development, testing, product evaluation, or quality control purposes*. Again, in no circumstance may non-compliant samples be sold or distributed to U.S. consumers.