

UNITED STATES CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION LISTS THEIR PRIORITY TRADE ISSUES

There are three principal areas;

PREVENTING IMPORTS OF UNSAFE PRODUCTS,
MAXIMIZING DUTY COLLECTIONS,
PROTECTING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

Priority Trade Issues

Priority Trade Issues (PTIs) are identified high-risk areas where CBP strategically focuses limited resources as part of a layered approach to risk management. These PTIs are issues that cause significant revenue loss, economic risk to U.S. industry or represent health and safety concerns to citizens

Agriculture

Agriculture as a PTI is to manage the potential risk of an intentional (terrorist) contamination of an agricultural product that may cause harm to the American public or adverse damage to the nation's economy.

Antidumping and Countervailing Duties (ADCVD)

AD/CVD as a PTI is to ensure that a concerted, systematic approach to facilitate legitimate trade, detect and deter circumvention of the AD/CVD law and to timely liquidate transactions with correct determinations regarding final duties owed.

Import Safety

Import Safety as a PTI is to ensure that unsafe products do not enter the commerce of the United States.

Intellectual Property Rights

CBP protects businesses and consumers every day by combating the trade in counterfeit and pirated goods through an aggressive IPR enforcement program.

Penalties

Penalties as a PTI is to ensure the effectiveness of the trade fraud penalty process by emphasizing national direction, uniformity, swift action, applying trade compliance alternatives to traditional commercial fraud penalties, and by focusing trade fraud resources on Priority Trade Issues (PTI).

Revenue

Revenue as a PTI is to ensure a proactive approach in determining areas that pose a material risk in our revenue process and ensuring that our internal operations and controls are designed to mitigate the risks at the point in the entry process where the risk occurs.

Textiles

Textiles as a PTI is to ensure compliance with laws and regulations governing the high-risk nature of imports of textile and apparel products.

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/priority_trade/import_safety/import_safety_pti.xml

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