

Dana Watts Discusses CBP Product Detentions in Sourcing Journal

"What Happens When CBP Detains Your Products?"

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Dana Watts discussed what happens to a company's shipment if it was detained by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for suspected forced labor: companies have three months from the date of importation to submit evidence that the merchandise was not made with forced labor, which CBP evaluates on a case-by-case basis. "It's a little bit of a gray area of exactly what is needed and how much is needed and what the standard is for proving that something is not made with forced labor and therefore admissible, versus failing to meet your burden of proof and therefore the item is not admissible in the United States," Watts said.