



Top Things to Know

- CPSC has approved a [Final Rule](#) to implement eFiling of Certificates of Compliance for regulated, imported consumer products.
- CPSC is holding eFiling Office Hours biweekly to allow interested parties the opportunity to ask questions pertaining to the eFiling program. Registration information is available on the [CPSC Public Calendar](#).
- The [eFiling voluntary stage](#) is currently ongoing and there is ample capacity available for importers and their trade partners to participate - Sign up now!
- Visit www.CPSC.gov/eFiling to review available training materials, FAQs, and sign up for our mailing list.

CPSC Has Approved the eFiling Final Rule!

CPSC is thrilled to share that on December 18, 2024, the Commission approved a Final Rule to implement eFiling of certificate information for regulated, imported consumer products. The Commission vote was 3-0-2, with a majority of Commissioners voting to approve the rule with an amendment extending the general implementation date to 18 months, rather than the 12 months proposed by CPSC staff. Under the new rule, requirements impacting most imported consumer products will take effect on July 8, 2026. Requirements impacting consumer products imported into a Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) and subsequently entered for consumption or warehousing will take effect on January 8, 2027. The Federal Register Notice (FRN) regarding the Final Rule was published in the Federal Register on January 8, 2025. Importers and their trade partners can view the [Federal Register Notice](#), as well as the [CPSC News Release](#), to learn more.



eFiling full implementation will take effect in July 2026.

Sign up for the eFiling voluntary stage to begin preparing!



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CPSC's new eFiling program will apply to all imported consumer products subject to a mandatory safety standard, including *de minimis* shipments. The program will require importers of regulated consumer products that require certification to electronically file data elements including product identification, party certifying compliance, applicable consumer product safety rules, manufacture date and place, testing date and laboratory, and contact information of the person maintaining test records. Additionally, the Final Rule clarifies that the requirement to certify regulated products pertains to finished products and not component parts, and the obligation to certify regulated finished products rests with the finished product certifier. The Final Rule also modifies the definition of "importer" for purposes of eFiling and ensures that a party eligible to make entry for imported, regulated consumer products is legally responsible for CPSC's certification requirements.

CPSC will use data gathered through eFiling to drive greater efficiency, for both the agency and the trade community, in targeting and examination of high-risk products being imported into the United States. eFiling should result in more effective targeting of inspections at potentially violative imports, with fewer examinations and shorter hold times for compliant importers, thus allowing them to benefit from reductions in risk scores and enhanced certificate data management processes. Importers can prepare for eFiling full implementation by visiting the [Document Library](#) on the eFiling webpage to view learning materials and additional resources.

Sign Up for the eFiling Voluntary Stage

CPSC is accepting registration requests for the eFiling voluntary stage on an ongoing basis. CPSC highly encourages importers to consider participating in the eFiling voluntary stage so that they can be better prepared for full implementation. The eFiling voluntary stage is for importers and their trade partners to initiate the learning process, assess program readiness, and ramp up eFiling testing efforts. The eFiling voluntary stage is designed to support learning and testing without penalizing participants for mistakes. Broad participation in the eFiling voluntary stage will help to ensure the success of the eFiling program, and we look forward to onboarding and working with new importers and their trade partners!

CPSC has expedited the invitation schedule for the eFiling voluntary stage to ensure faster access for importers eager to join the program. All importers currently on the waitlist should receive an invitation to participate within the next month! We encourage all interested importers to register as soon as possible to secure their spot and to receive an invitation in a timely manner. CPSC staff will continue to extend invitations monthly until we reach our maximum capacity of 2,000 importers participating in the eFiling voluntary stage.

CPSC would like to emphasize the opportunity of participating in the eFiling voluntary stage. There are many benefits to participating, which include the following:

- Participants may prepare systems and input required data elements ahead of eFiling full implementation.
- Participants can provide real-time feedback on eFiling systems, which CPSC will consider when implementing updates.
- Participants can utilize educational resources and office hours to learn how to properly eFile before requirements take effect.

Trade's participation in the eFiling voluntary stage also allows the CPSC eFiling team to test and improve systems and processes prior to full implementation.

Staff continue to recommend that importers reach out as soon as possible to register for the eFiling voluntary stage.

To receive an invitation to establish a Business Account in CPSC's Product Registry, a secure database designed to facilitate eFiling, **importers** should first confirm they do not already have any type of Registry account, then email eFilingSupport@cpsc.gov with:

1. **Company Name**
2. **Initial Business Account Administrator's Name**
3. **Initial Business Account Administrator's Email**
4. **Importer of Record Number(s)**
5. **Broker Filer Code(s)**
6. **Type of Products Imported**

Please note that Business Accounts must be created by the **importer**. After the importer creates a Business Account, they can invite additional users from trade partner organizations to collaborate, such as brokers, testing laboratories, manufacturers, and other external organizations. Once invited, additional users will gain access to the importer's Business Account to collaborate and support the product certificate data entry process.

Product Registry Access for Software Developers

CPSC is still providing Product Registry access to software developers for application programming interface (API) integration purposes! CPSC understands that gathering and implementing the technical requirements for API integration takes time.

To sign up for the next round of Software Development Account invitations, email eFilingSupport@cpsc.gov with:

1. **Company Name**
2. **Initial User's Name**
3. **Initial User's Email Address**

The Product Registry allows the initial user to invite other users within their company after establishing a Software Development Account. To learn more about Software Development Accounts and API integration, view the [eFiling API Specifications](#) in the Document Library on the eFiling website.

CPSC Office Hours and Training Materials

CPSC staff is hosting eFiling Virtual Office Hours sessions every two weeks to allow importers and trade partners (and other interested stakeholders) to discuss eFiling program questions with the eFiling support team. Topics that will be discussed in upcoming sessions include the CPSC Product Registry, Business Account management, product certificate data entry, and more. Participants are encouraged to submit eFiling questions while registering so the eFiling support team can answer as many questions as possible! To learn more and register for these office hours sessions, please view the [Public Calendar](#) on the CPSC website.

CPSC is providing the trade with comprehensive training materials to support the learning process for eFiling full implementation. There is a lot that importers and their trade partners can do to prepare. CPSC continues to update and improve the training materials available on the eFiling webpage at www.CPSC.gov/eFiling. As your business prepares for eFiling, be sure to review the training materials available in our [Document Library](#) including the eFiling Quick Start Guide, Product Registry Training Videos, Product Registry Guide, User Guide for Comma-Separated Values (CSV) Upload, API Specifications, Implementation Guide (CATAIR), and more.

What can your business do now?

As the eFiling voluntary stage progresses and full implementation approaches, it is imperative that importers and their trade partners understand requirements and proactively prepare. Here's what your business can do now:

- **Sign up for the eFiling voluntary stage** if your business has not done so.
- **Sign up for a Software Development Account** if your business intends to bulk upload data via API.
- **Attend eFiling Office Hours** if you or your trade partners have any questions pertaining to the eFiling program.
- **Study the eFiling training materials** to be better prepared for the eFiling voluntary stage and full implementation.
- **Build a strong understanding of eFiling requirements** to assess your business's readiness.
- **Sign up for the eFiling mailing list** to receive important eFiling announcements from CPSC.

