
April 20, 2026 | CBP Launches CAPE System for IEEPA Duty Refunds Filing Now Open for Eligible Entries

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has launched the first phase of its new Consolidated Administration and Processing of Entries (CAPE) system to facilitate refunds of duties imposed under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA). The system went live April 20 within the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) platform.

Phase 1 is limited to certain unliquidated entries and entries within 80 days of liquidation. Importers of record and authorized customs brokers must submit refund requests through the ACE Secure Data Portal using a CAPE Declaration. Submissions are capped at 9,999 entries per filing, with multiple filings permitted.

Once accepted, CBP will remove applicable IEEPA duties and process consolidated refunds, including interest. Refunds are generally expected within 60 to 90 days, subject to review.

While the CBP filing window is now open, the underlying Court of International Trade decision ordering the refund of all IEEPA tariffs remains within the appeals period. As a result, final reimbursement outcomes and timeline are not yet fully certain.

