

May 1, 2026 | IEEPA Tariff Refunds Expected to Begin Around May 11

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) [informed](#) U.S. Court of International Trade Judge Richard Eaton that the first refunds for duties imposed under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) will be issued on or around May 11.

The new Consolidated Administration and Processing of Entries (CAPE) system to facilitate refunds [went live April 20](#) within the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). Importers have uploaded 21% of the affected entries into the system (representing over 75,000 claims). So far, processing is slow and only about 3% of those entries have been cleared, while 16% of filings have been denied because of errors.

MICA urges importers to review their claims carefully to prevent unnecessary delays.

At a closed hearing on April 29, Judge Eaton and government officials discussed the new CAPE system and the challenges importers have encountered, including long wait times, issues resetting usernames and passwords, and confusion about the interest rate and how it is calculated.

CBP will post further guidance on its website soon. **Judge Eaton also ordered the Administration to submit a new update to the court by May 12.**

