

## NEWS IN BRIEF

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### CPSC has Started Accepting Requests for the eFiling of CPSC Certificates

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is now accepting registration requests for importers interested in testing in the CPSC eFiling systems. There will be access to up to 2,000 importers to test the systems. The eFiling will have a voluntary start up this summer after the Beta test of the system is over. CPSC is already sharing access to the Product Registry to software providers to prepare for the implementation. The announcement was made in a Federal Register Notice that can be found at: [www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-06-04/pdf/2024-12194.pdf](http://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-06-04/pdf/2024-12194.pdf)

Applications to join the program and establish a business account can be submitted to get on the waiting list for when the Beta test ends. The application must be filed by the importer. Once the application is approved the importer can invite other users such as Customs brokers to support their participation in the program. Carmichael has been working with our software provider to be ready when any of our customers are approved and can then invite us to develop support for the test. This a test program and the actual implementation is scheduled to begin when the final rule is completed in early 2025. More information on the program can be found at: [www.CPSC.gov/eFiling](http://www.CPSC.gov/eFiling)

### CBP Announces the Five Approved Accreditors for Broker Continuing Education

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has announced five firms to be accreditors for the CBP Continuing Education (CE) program. The accreditors will help set standards for the education process and will approve applications for programs to qualify and the number of hours allowed for each pro/gram. The five selected accreditors are:

E-Merchants Trade  
Council/Global Trade Professional  
Alliance/Practera  
International Compliance  
Professionals Association (ICPA)  
National Customs Brokers and  
Forwarders Association of  
America (NCBFAA) Educational  
Institute(NEI)  
Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg  
TrüTrade Solutions

Once the program is formally running, CBP will announce a prorated number of points to allow for the late start of the program this year. More information on the Broker Continuing Education program can be found on CBP's website at: [www.cbp.gov/trade/programs-administration/customs-brokers/continuing-education](http://www.cbp.gov/trade/programs-administration/customs-brokers/continuing-education)

**FMC is Investigating if Carriers are  
Violating the end of Box Rules  
Order**

The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a cease-and-desist order on February 13, 2024, for carriers and terminals to honor the decision that motor carriers have the right to choose the chassis that they can use in four U.S. Ports, Los Angeles/Long Beach, Chicago, Memphis, and Savannah. They have heard reports that the decision is not being completely followed in those ports and have opened an investigation to examine if the members of the Ocean Carriers Equipment Management Association (OCEMA) have changed their policies and practices to comply with the FMC decision.



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