



A New Dawn for Informal Postal Entry of Goods to the U.S.

U.S. Customs & Border Protection's new rulemakings move postal entry toward customs duty parity with commercial entry. A test of a new electronic informal entry for mail shipments (Entry Type 13) aims to bring complete customs parity for all modes of entry.

Federal Register notice indefinitely suspending the U.S. de minimis exemption for inbound merchandise (all modes)

- Effectively ends the \$800 de minimis exemption for imported goods, which Executive Orders suspended last year ([EO 14324](#) and [EO 14256](#))
- De minimis exemption ends by statute on July 1, 2027 ([One Big Beautiful Bill Act](#))
- Business as usual for commercial entry (Type 11 and 01)

CBP's interim final rule (IFR) on a modified postal informal entry process (for goods less than \$2,500)

- This new manual process takes effect July 24, 2026
- The interim Qualified Party program created in [EO 14324](#) is sunset
- Section 122 duties end July 24 – postal entries subject to all applicable duties
- A licensed U.S. customs broker is required
- New data elements required: filer code; bond number; HTS10 code; quantity/weight (conditional); tracking number (S10 barcode)

Federal Register notice on a test of a new electronic informal entry process for mail (Entry Type 13)

- "Certification" environment for ET 13 starts **July 24** (a test of the test)
- CBP to go live with the test of ET 13 on **September 24**
- From **October 22**, any postal entries subject to Partner Government Agency (PGA) requirements, AD/CVD orders, or HTSUS 98 or 99 classifications must be filed through ET 13 (or formal entry)
- A **future** notice of proposed rulemaking will make ET 13 mandatory

Links to Useful Resources

- Check CBP's [Cargo Systems Messaging Service page](#) for guidance updates
- [List](#) of U.S. certified customs brokers – Customs broker can help with HTS10 and data requirements
- U.S. International Trade Commission, Harmonized Tariff Schedule [website](#)
- Bona fide gifts [statute](#). All merchandise, including gifts, require a customs broker and all entry data but duties are not collected on gifts.