

# CLIENT ADVISORY

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## CBP Issues Regionwide Withhold Release Order for Xinjiang China Cotton and Tomato Products

Dear Valued U.S. Import Customer,

Effective January 13, 2021, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced a new region-wide withhold release order (WRO) on all cotton and tomato products sourced from China's Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region. These products include apparel, textiles, tomato seeds, canned tomatoes, tomato sauce, and other goods made with cotton and tomatoes.

In the notice, CBP stated they will begin detaining shipments if the product is "produced in Xinjiang based on information that reasonably indicates the use of detainee or prison labor and situations of forced labor. The agency identified the following forced labor indicators through the course of its investigation: debt bondage, restriction of movement, isolation, intimidation and threats, withholding of wages, and abusive living and working conditions."

On November 30, 2020, CBP issued a withhold release order (WRO) for all cotton and cotton products, made in whole or in part, produced from forced labor by Xinjiang Production and Construction Corporation (XPCC) and their affiliates.

Notice of WRO 1/13/2021

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/national-media-release/cbp-issues-region-wide-withhold-release-order-products-made-slave>

CBP Forced Labor Information

[https://www.cbp.gov/trade/programs-administration/forced-labor?\\_ga=2.198706028.2124264278.1610577086-1520727500.1541643165](https://www.cbp.gov/trade/programs-administration/forced-labor?_ga=2.198706028.2124264278.1610577086-1520727500.1541643165)

Thank you for being our Valued Customer. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your C.H. Robinson commercial representative for further information.

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