

Isotopic Testing to Become Routine in UFLPA Enforcement

FOLLOWING HOMELAND SECURITY COMMITTEE HEARINGS



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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

- The House Homeland Security Committee recently held a hearing in [January 2024](#) to examine improvements needed for the enforcement of the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act (UFLPA).
- This hearing was a follow-up to the private sector hearing held in [October 2023](#), which highlighted de minimis shipments slipping through U.S. borders, lack of enforcement by CBP, the need for internal market enforcement, more penalties and sanctions, and the desire to see more companies added to the Entity List.
- Isotopic testing was identified as a key tool to combat forced labor in supply chains.
- CBP set up an isotopic lab in Georgia, with labs in New York and Los Angeles to follow in the next 6-9 months.
- CBP officials at individual ports can request tests if they have suspicions about particular shipments
- The expansion of workforce resources and technology at CBP was also emphasized to closely monitor transshipments and the mixing of inputs.



IMPLICATIONS FOR FASHION BRANDS & RETAILERS

Supply chain scrutiny: Expect increased audits and inspections of imports, and enhanced targeting and surveillance of shipments from high-risk regions.

Isotopic testing: Increased use of isotopic testing for enforcement and verification mandates accurate recording of the origin of all materials used in your products.

Brand reputation: Any association with forced labor - whether direct or indirect - can significantly damage your brand's reputation.

Supply chain disruptions: Prepare for potential disruptions in your supply chain as non-compliant products can be detained or blocked from entry.

Financial and legal consequences: Shipment detentions for non-compliance can result in expensive delays, and hefty penalties and sanctions.

How Oritain Can Help

Oritain is a global leader in forensic traceability of product origin. Our traceability technology ensures product authenticity, transparency, and data-driven sourcing decisions. Here's how we can help as tougher enforcement approaches:

- Isotopic testing to verify origin of your raw materials and cotton consistency at various stages of the manufacturing process
- Use “Origin Fingerprint” to audit products throughout the supply chain
- Conduct regular audits and in-depth risk analysis to pinpoint potential forced labor risks in your supply chain
- Provide visibility into Tier 2 and beyond for comprehensive reporting
- Validate product authenticity and origin to ensure compliance with import restrictions
- Protect your brand reputation and consumer trust through transparency and traceability
- Develop and implement a tailored due diligence program
- Offer ongoing monitoring and reporting support

Ignoring forced labor risks can result in costly consequences for your business. Act now and partner with Oritain to protect your reputation and ensure compliance with the UFLPA.

Get true and verifiable authentication with Oritain.

WHY ORITAIN?



Global Cotton Expertise

We've captured over 90% of the world's cotton production.



DHS-Approved

Our isotopic testing is an accepted piece of evidence for UFLPA compliance, recognized by DHS and CBP guidance documents.



Tamper-Proof Assurance

Test your products with confidence, knowing they can't be replicated or tampered with.



Manufacturing-Friendly

No changes or integration needed, guaranteeing zero downtime to operations.

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