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Does “Under Review” stop the cargo?

A retained decision guide for separating CPSC review, ACE/CBP release, and the next verified action.

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THE SHORT ANSWER

What does “Under Review” establish?

It records CPSC electronic review. By itself, it is neither a cargo stop nor an ACE 1C release.

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- 01 Keep the CPSC review status separate from the official cargo-release record.
 - 02 Read the next exact CPSC message before choosing an examination or document route.
 - 03 Check CBP and other PGA issues independently; one agency’s status does not close another’s lane.
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PRACTICAL RESULT

One defensible next action, one owner, one check-back point, and the evidence retained.

STRUCTURED COMPARISON

Which signal controls which decision?

ID	REQUIREMENT	EVIDENCE	ACTION
01	CPSC 1USG “Under Review” — electronic entry review	S01	Record; do not treat as release
02	ACE 1C — cargo release message to trade	S01	Verify with broker / ABI
03	CPSC tracker — operational status and time remaining	S03	Use for status, not release
04	CBP or another PGA — separate authority lane	S01–S02	Check independently
05	Later CPSC exam, hold, or document message	S01–S02	Follow the exact instruction

SOURCES: CURRENT CPSC 1USG GUIDANCE, IMPORT FAQ, TRACKER INFORMATION, AND CONTACT FORM; REVIEWED SEPTEMBER 4, 2026.

WORKFLOW

Build the retained decision record

01

CAPTURE

Save the exact message, entry number, received time, port, and the source of the observation.

02

SEPARATE

Place CPSC review, the tracker, and ACE/CBP release in different evidence lanes.

03

ROUTE

Use the latest exact message to select monitor, verify, document, examination, or escalation work.

04

ASSIGN

Name the next action, owner, check-back point, and evidence that must be retained.

OUTPUT

A triage record that can be handed off without turning elapsed time into a release conclusion.

SCOPE BEFORE ACTION

Why are there two clocks?

CPSC review timing and ACE/CBP cargo release are separate records. One does not substitute for the other.

CPSC's June 2026 guidance lists review bands of 4 or 8 business hours for air and truck, and 8 or 16 for ocean, depending on additional risk factors.

CPSC counts business hours from the entry receipt, calibrated to the port time zone and the federal 8 a.m.–4 p.m. work calendar.

If the applied risk band is not visible, record it as unknown. Do not invent a universal SLA or a release prediction.

BOUNDARY

The contact threshold is not a release rule.

The Import Contact Form says to wait at least 16 business hours before asking about Under Review. Official release still requires the broker or ABI record.

KNOWN / UNKNOWN

What is known — and what is not?

KNOWN

Evidence to retain

- The exact Under Review message and observed time.
- The entry number, filer code, port, and mode of transport.
- The latest CPSC tracker and broker / ABI evidence.

UNKNOWN

Do not infer

- The applied additional-risk band, if the record does not show it.
- Cargo release from a CPSC status or tracker result.
- Absence of a CBP or other PGA issue without checking that lane.

CURRENT STATUS

OPEN — verify the missing lane before stating that cargo is stopped or released.

DECISION ROUTE

Which next action is supported now?

01	Only Under Review is present; no later CPSC exam or hold message is recorded.	Monitor CPSC; verify release separately with broker / ABI.
02	A later CPSC exam, hold, or documents-required message is present.	Follow that exact instruction and retain the notice and response.
03	At least 16 business hours have passed without a CPSC disposition.	Use the CPSC Import Contact Form; keep CBP/PGA checks separate.

DECISION BOUNDARY

The latest exact message and the separate release record — not elapsed time alone — change the route.



BEFORE YOU ACT

Complete the handoff record

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01 Entry number / filer code: _____

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02 Under Review received — date, time, port time zone: _____

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03 Latest CPSC message / tracker evidence: _____

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04 ACE/CBP release evidence and other PGA issues checked: _____

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05 Next action / owner / check-back / retained file: _____

SOURCES AND METHOD

Source ledger

S01	CPSC — 1USG guidance, June 2026	CURRENT	Meaning, clocks, 1USG / 1C, later messages
S02	CPSC — Import detention FAQ	CURRENT	Cargo movement and separate authority boundary
S03	CPSC tracker · Contact form	CURRENT	Non-release status; contact threshold

METHOD BOUNDARY

Official CPSC sources were reopened on September 4, 2026. This guide supports triage and recordkeeping; it does not determine admissibility, predict release, replace an agency notice, or resolve facts for a specific entry.

EACH FINAL SOURCE ENTRY MUST INCLUDE ITS EXACT URL AND ACCESS DATE.



CONTINUE WITH VERIFIED CONTEXT

Keep the decision attached to the evidence.

Use the companion article for the complete explanation. Keep this guide with the entry record so the next reviewer can see the status, evidence, owner, and unresolved lane.

[Read the CPSC Under Review companion article](#)

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