

What's the Difference?

Informal Entries

vs

Formal Entries

Usually total value less than \$2,500



No Surety Bond Required

★ Some items are exempt from this entry type regardless of value. Refer to 19 CFR 143 (Section C).

Requires Bond from a Surety



Bonded value exceeds \$2,500



Goods are for both personal and commercial use



Goods are used for commercial selling purposes



Customs Officer

Determines HTSUS classification

Completes all Customs forms

★ The importer or their agent may prepare/file the necessary documentation if a Customs cashier is available.



Importer

Provides HTSUS classification

Responsible for filing all Customs forms



Goods are liquidated at the time of release by CBP

★ Refer to 19 CFR 159.10

CBP Form 7501 must be filed for the release of goods



Don't get lost in the process, make sure you are informed on the latest updates to remain compliant with Customs. TRG is proud to be your source for industry news and updates. We know the process of importing in the United States can be confusing, so let us make it easier.

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