

## Effects of the US Government Shutdown on International Trade - Update

Following up on our [initial communication](#) on the topic, we'd like to bring you additional details on the effects that the US Government Shutdown is having on the logistics industry.

Below is an updated overview that we've collected together for you on how this action is affecting the government departments involved in international trade. This is by no means an all-encompassing list but we hope that it helps you with your supply chain planning:

Department	Effect
APHIS	Website unavailable. Review or authorization of notifications or permits for the importation, interstate movement or field release of genetically engineered organisms will be delayed
Client Representative Offices	Closed - these are the people who support systems such as the Automated Broker Interface (ABI.) There is currently no systems support
EPA	97% staff put on furlough - expect severe delays
Exchange Rate	Entries should be prepared using the latest applicable and available rate until regular processing can resume
FDA	65% staff put on furlough although import operations remain open with limited resources - expect severe delays
Fish & Wildlife	The department is open although paper declarations 3-177 must be filed manually. The automatic payment system cannot be used and manual checks must be issued
Federal Maritime Commission (FMC)	FMC has suspended operations and it is expected that its systems will be unavailable to accept electronic filings for service contracts and NVOCC Service Arrangements (NSAs), and service contract and NSA amendments during the shutdown period
Steel Licenses	The online Steel Licensing system has been temporarily suspended and computer system closed. Entries are being processed with the temporary license number "STEELX103"
U.S. Census Bureau	Census.gov sites, services and all online survey collection requests will be unavailable until further notice.  Websites affected by this shutdown are all census.gov hosted websites, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Census.gov</li> <li>•American Factfinder</li> <li>•Public API</li> <li>•FTP Servers</li> <li>•FAQs</li> <li>•Blogs</li> <li>•Online Surveys</li> <li>•Federal Statistical Organization websites: FCSM, FedStats and MapStats</li> </ul>
U.S. Customs	Slow down expected. Any filings requiring manual interaction with CBP will be severely disrupted
U.S. International Trade Commission	All USITC web and network-based services are currently unavailable, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EDIS</li> <li>• DataWeb</li> <li>• The Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (although some info is available through Customs Info Global Data Mining here: <a href="http://hub.am/17oA99a">http://hub.am/17oA99a</a>)</li> <li>• Dropbox</li> <li>• Phone lines</li> <li>• eMail communications</li> </ul>

We haven't yet noticed any increase in the time required to customs clear entries that are electronically filed. Live entries or ones filed with a Single Entry Bond (SEB) are required to be submitted in paper form. Since these become a manual process for CBP, they are the entries experiencing delays in clearance time. CBP offices have shortened their hours of operation and have furloughed some of the non-exempt staff.

If you have any questions or concerns then please don't hesitate to contact your local [Pacer International/Ocean World Lines office](#).