

Manifest Privacy Primer

Understanding 19 CFR 103.31 - CBP Manifest Confidentiality

What is Manifest Privacy?

CBP manifest confidentiality filing (19 CFR 103.31) allows importers to request that specific data elements in their import manifests be withheld from public disclosure through FOIA requests and trade data platforms.

Key Benefits:

- â€¢ Protects supplier relationships from competitor intelligence
- â€¢ Maintains pricing strategy confidentiality
- â€¢ Reduces market intelligence leakage
- â€¢ Prevents re-identification of trade patterns

Filing Requirements:

- â€¢ Must be filed before goods arrive at US ports
- â€¢ Requires valid business justification
- â€¢ Annual renewal required (filing within 60 days of expiration)
- â€¢ Covers specific data elements: shipper, consignee, notify party

Common Mistakes to Avoid:

- â€¢ Late filing (after goods arrive)
- â€¢ Insufficient business justification
- â€¢ Missing renewal deadlines
- â€¢ Incomplete entity variant coverage

Renewal Timeline:

- â€¢ 60 days before expiration: Begin renewal preparation
- â€¢ 30 days before: Submit renewal application
- â€¢ 7 days before: Follow up on pending applications

Need Help?

Remova.org provides comprehensive manifest privacy services including filing, renewal management, and compliance monitoring. Contact us at hello@remova.org for assistance.