Pursuant to Federal Register Notice (FRN) titled "Notice of Action and Proposed Action in Section 301 Investigation of China's Targeting the Maritime, Logistics, and Shipbuilding Sectors for Dominance" published on April 17, 2025, with modifications published on June 12, 2025. Annexes I, II, and III establish new fees for vessels owned, operated, or built in China, and for all foreign-built vehicle carrier vessels. Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) tankers, designated as vessel type 132 by the International Classification of Ships by Type (ICST) are exempt from fees in Annexes I, II, III.

Subject to the exemptions and special rules of each Annex, on or before the entry of the vessel at the first U.S. port or place from outside the Customs territory on a particular voyage, vessel operators must pay the applicable fee listed below.

The burden for determining if a vessel owes the fee is on the operator, **NOT** CBP.

Responsible parties are strongly encouraged to pay fees prior to vessel arrival as vessels without proof of payment will be subject to denial of lading or unlading operations, or granting of clearance withheld, until proof of payment can be verified. It is recommended to initiate payment at least three (3) business days in advance of vessel arrival.

- Annex I: Effective as of October 14, 2025, a fee in the amount of \$50 per net ton for an arriving vessel owned or operated by a Chinese entity
- Annex II: Effective as of October 14, 2025, the higher of a fee in the amount of \$18
  per net ton, or \$120 for each container discharged, from an arriving Chinese built
  vessel
- Annex III: Effective October 14, 2025, a fee in the amount of **\$46** per net ton for an arriving vessel classified as a vehicle carrier or roll-on/roll-off vessel.

Please see the FRN referenced above for exemptions (Targeted Coverage) and criteria for Suspension of Fee.

The Vessel Entrance and Clearance System (VECS) will display details to members of the Trade responsible for VECS filings. The filer will be responsible for reviewing and confirming details as well as updating information whenever a change has occurred. Entrance and clearance filings made via paper will need to be manually completed and reviewed for applicability with the Annexes by the filer.

Payments of fees must be made directly through Department of the Treasury's secure, official <a href="Pay.gov">Pay.gov</a> website and not at the Port of Entry. Pay.gov will calculate fees based on selections made on the Section 301 Fee Payment Form. Pay.gov will then pass the payment confirmation to VECS. If VECS cannot match the payment to an arriving vessel, the

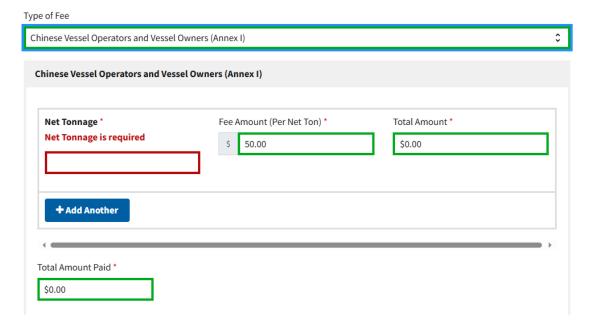
entrance and clearance filer or vessel operator can provide proof of payment utilizing the payment confirmation email from Pay.gov.

The Section 301 Fee Payment Form will prompt responsible parties to complete the required fields as listed below:

- Vessel Name
- Arrival Port
- Estimated Arrival Date
- IMO / Official Number
- Voyage Number
- Vessel Operator Name
- Vessel Operator Tax ID / CBP Number
- Payor Name / Address / Contact Information
- Form of Payment \*ACH Debit bank account

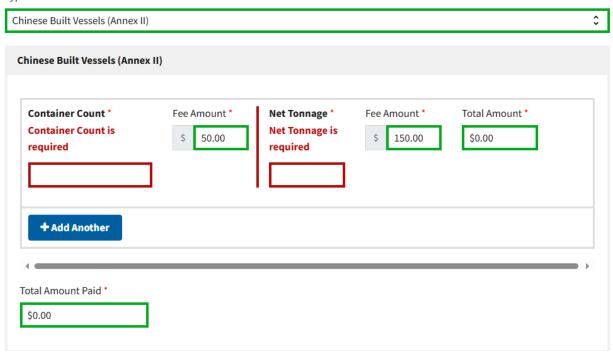
Once the above information has been submitted the payer will be prompted to choose the appropriate Type of Fee (Annex I, II, or III) and input the required information as shown below:

## Annex I

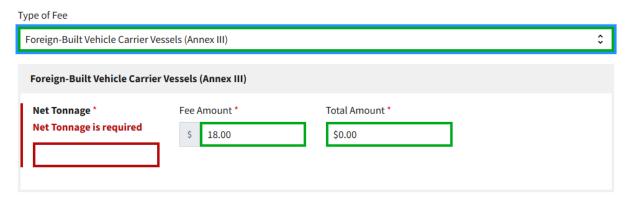


## Annex II

Type of Fee



## **Annex III**



Any questions regarding these requirements can be sent to:

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