Action Required: Oppose Proposed Restrictions on Spanish Tile Imports by December 14

We have previously reported that the US Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) has proposed limiting ceramic tile and stone imports from Spain as a counter action to Spain's refusal to allow certain US vessels into Spanish ports.

CTDA strongly objects to the FMC's proposal and will submit comments requesting the proposal be rejected. (See CTDA comments linked here). We encourage our members to also submit comments encouraging rejection of the proposal, particularly if you import ceramic tile or stone flooring from Spain. Instructions for how to submit comments may be found below.

Additionally, linked here is a comment template members can use to create their own comments. **It is important to note the FMC will reject, or at a minimum, greatly discount comments that appear to be identical so be sure to include your own company's specific information and concerns in your submittal**.

Finally, linked here are Instructions for CTDA members to submit their comments privately which would include a business confidential version and a public version omitting sensitive business data - which we recommend if including proprietary data or information about your company.

CTDA will be requesting to testify at the hearing. If you or someone from your company is willing to testify, please let us know. We believe that it would strengthen CTDA's position before the Commission if a representative could testify from a CTDA member company that will be impacted by the ban on imported Spanish tile or stone.

How to Submit Your Comment Publicly

- **Go to the Portal**: Visit the Federal Maritime Commission Announcement Page or search directly for the docket on Regulations.gov.
- **Identify the Docket**: Look for the rulemaking titled Investigation Into Conditions Affecting Shipping in the Foreign Trade and Denial of Entry of Vessels (Docket No. FMC-2026-0463).
- Be certain to identify whether you wish to protect your proprietary data by submitting a Business Confidential version that includes such information and a Public Version that omits such data;
- **Submit Your Statement**: Click the "Comment" or "Submit a Formal Comment" button. You can type your comment directly into the web form or upload a written letter/PDF.
- **Deadline**: Your submission must be received on or before December 14, 2026.

Should you have any questions or if you need further information, please contact CTDA at your convenience.

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