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### Rise in Reverse FCA Cases Amidst 'America First' Trade Policies

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On March 27, 2019, the U.S. Department of Justice intervened in *United States ex rel Vale v. Selective Marketplace Ltd.*, a False Claims Act (FCA) suit brought against a clothing importer for allegedly evading customs duties. The suit is the latest example in a growing number of FCA actions brought against importers for allegedly concealing obligations to pay duties to U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The rise in *qui tam* suits based on avoidance of duties, combined with the administration's protectionist policies, means that importers could face increased FCA risks for years to come. In an [Expert Analysis](#) article published in Law360, C&M attorneys analyze recent enforcement trends and discuss practical steps that importers can take to mitigate risks.

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