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SPECIAL NOTICE

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NEW CUSTOMS REGULATION IN MEXICO

We would like to inform you that Mexican Customs Authorities have announced the implementation of a 24 Hour Rule Advance Manifest (AMS) for all import cargo to Mexico beginning September 1, 2007.

According to these rules, Sea Carriers, Freight Forwarders, and NVOCCs must provide all information related to the cargo that is being transported to Mexican ports 24 hours in advance of the estimated time of arrival of the ship at the loading port. This measure has the same purpose as the United States and Canadian Advanced Manifest, since Mexico is part of North America Security and Prosperity Agreement.

This Regulation will affect carriers and shippers to Mexico, since Customs will require an accurate and complete cargo declaration (similar to the US 24 Hour Rule).

In order to ensure your goods are not delayed, the sooner that we receive your information (up to 36 hours prior to the estimated time of arrival of the vessel at the loading port) will hopefully ensure that your goods are allowed on the vessel. Carriers have indicated that they will enforce these new Mexican rules.

The required information is:

- Vessel's name and voyage number
- Master Bill of Lading Number
- House Bill of Lading Number(s) related to Master B/L.
- Country and Place of receipt
- Country and Port of loading
- Country and transship Port (if applicable)
- Country and final place of delivery
- Complete name and address of: Shipper, Consignee and Notify party
- Quantity / number of packages and units of measure of the cargo loaded in containers. Quantity, and number must be specified per each container on B/L.
- Gross Weight or Volume of the cargo. For cargo loaded in containers, gross weight or volume must be specified per each container on B/L
- Detailed cargo description (general descriptions must be avoided, such as: "General cargo", "Dry Cargo", "Chemical products", "Perishable products", "Bulk Cargo", "Bulk minerals", etc.)
- Description of containers: to include the quantity and type of each container, as well as container numbers and seal numbers
- Service type
- In case of dangerous goods, IMO CLASS and UN Number are required, as well as telephone number of the contact in case of an emergency
- ETS and ETA.

The majority of this information is already required, but the timing of submission is now critical to ensure that your shipments are handled in a timely manner.



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