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Dear Valued Customers,

Japan Customs 24 Hour Advance Manifest Rule

You may already be aware that the Japan Customs 24 Hour Advance Manifest Rule will take effect on March 10, 2014.

This rule will apply to all containerized cargo, loaded on any type of vessel. *The filing will begin with vessels sailing the port of load after March 10, 2014.*

Below is an outline of the rule and the data elements that will be required in your shipping instructions:

Rule Outline:

- ✧ **Effective Date:** **March 10, 2014.** There will **not** be a grace period.
- ✧ **Filing Timing:** Electronic manifest submission must be made 24 hours **prior** to the vessel's departure from the actual port of loading.
- ✧ **Risk Assessment:** The Japanese Customs authority at each port of discharge will carry out the risk assessment.
- ✧ **Applicable Cargo:** Any containerized cargo to be discharged / transhipped at Japan.
- ✧ **Exemption:** Short sea trade will be exempt from this rule and the deadline for manifest filing will be before the vessel's departure. Foreign Remaining. On Board (FROB) cargo and platform containers are also exempt. For more details, please refer to the following website of Japanese Customs (Page 17). (<http://www.customs.go.jp/english/summary/advance/01.pdf>)
- ✧ **Responsible Party:** The "K" Line office at the port of loading for vessels calling Japan is responsible to file Master bill of lading data. Non-Vessel Operating Common Carriers (NVOCC) are responsible for filing NVOCC House bill of lading data. Unlike the US & Canadian 24 Hour Advance Manifest Rules, the Carrier cannot file NVOCC House bill of lading data on behalf of the NVOCC.
- ✧ **Non-Compliance:** Late or incomplete declarations will be subject to penalty by the Japanese government. There is also a possibility that cargo will not be allowed to discharge in Japan.

Required Data Elements to be specified in Shipping Instruction:

- ✧ **Shipper / Consignee / Notify Party**
 - ✓ Full Name
 - ✓ Complete Address
 - ✓ Telephone Number

- ✧ Cargo consigned as TO ORDER, TO THE ORDER OF, etc require full notify party address and contact information.
- ✧ SAME AS CONSIGNEE is not allowed to be shown as the notify party, the details must be shown exactly as the consignee on the bill of lading.

✧ **Clear Commodity Description**

Examples of unacceptable commodity descriptions;

- Apparel, Auto Parts, Equipment, Foodstuffs, Machinery, General Cargo, FAK, etc.
- For additional details, please refer to the following website of Japanese Customs (Page 38).
(<http://www.customs.go.jp/english/summary/advance/01.pdf>)

✧ **6 digit Harmonized System Code (HS CODE)**

✧ **UN Number and IMDG Code (Hazardous Cargo only)**

**Information on documentation cut-off changes for Japan discharge cargo will be announced prior to implementation of the regulation.*

For additional information concerning this rule, please contact “K” Line America, Inc. at 800-609-3221.