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Dear Valued Customer,

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Japan 24 Hour Advance Manifest Rule

In order to comply with the new Japan 24 Hour Advance Manifest Rule, "K" Line America, Inc. has implemented advance documentation cut-offs to ensure adequate time for bill of lading processing and submission to Japan Customs. The advance documentation cut-offs have been established as **48 hours** (excluding weekends and holidays) prior to the respective port CY cut-off date/time for the applicable vessel. A listing of the Japan 24 Hour Rule cut-offs for each vessel string and port of load is located in the Security section of www.kline.com.

These advance cut-offs apply to *all* containerized cargo with a <u>First Port of Discharge</u> or <u>Place of Delivery</u> in Japan; both of these items can be found on your booking confirmation. *Please remember that the regulation applies to all cargo that discharges in Japan, even if final delivery is to another country.*

Shippers are *strongly* encouraged to begin their transition to these advance documentation cut-offs *immediately* by providing shipment instructions *as early as possible*. Once the Japan 24 Hour Advance Manifest rule is in effect, "K" Line America, Inc. will adhere to a "No Documentation, No Load" policy for shipments destined to or via Japan.

In conjunction with this regulation, the following items are filed in "K" Line tariff **KKLU-147 Rule # 023- ZA*.** You may access the full tariff filing in the **Applications** section of www.kline.com.

A cargo declaration data charge of US\$30 per Bill of Lading, for cargo destined to Japan, will be assessed in addition to applicable Doc fee(s) by Carrier for providing this advance cargo declaration service to Shipper.

In addition to all costs incurred by Carrier, Shipper shall pre-pay an administrative charge of US\$200 per Bill of Lading on all cases when the Shipper/Forwarder fails to present the required documents (in fully complete and accurate form) to Carrier prior to documentation cut-off date/time, and the Carrier has to withhold cargo on dock from loading the scheduled vessel. The actual costs associated with the change in vessel / voyage will also be applied.

Please remember that all NVOCCs issuing house bills of lading must clearly indicate their intent to file a house bill of lading directly to Japan Customs on each bill of lading instruction submitted to "K" Line America. Any bill of lading instruction that does not have this declaration will be manifested as a simple BCO bill of lading.

Please visit the **Advisories and Announcements** section of <u>www.kline.com</u> for additional information on this regulation.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

"K" Line America, Inc. Export Services