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European Customs Advanced Cargo Declaration – End of Grace Period.

The advanced manifest requirements covered by EU Regulation 1875/2006 have been subject to a grace period for compliance, as agreed by the EU Commission and Member states, since coming into effect on 1st January 2011.

On the 30th June 2011 this grace period will expire and there are no indications from the EU Commission or any Member state of any extensions to this date.

The regulation will therefore become fully effective from 1st July 2011 and any cargo which does not comply is likely to be subject to delays and penalties from EU Member states Customs.

We must therefore ask our valued customers to please ensure that they provide us with complete and accurate Shipping Instructions giving all of the data required for submission of ENS declarations. These instructions must be received by the local "K" Line office before the cut off times which they have announced and published locally. This is essential to ensure that we can comply with the 24 hour deadline for submission of ENS declarations to the ICS at EU first port.

"K" Line cannot submit ENS declarations based on inaccurate or late instructions and it is likely that we will be unable to load any cargo for which the shipping instruction is received late or incomplete.

Full details of the requirements of this regulation have already been circulated and are available on our website at <http://www.klineurope.com/EU24download.asp> . Alternatively please contact your local "K" Line office for further information.