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Restrictions on imports into Thailand

The Thai Industrial Standard(s) Institute of the Ministry of Industry have made an official request to Customs to hold the commodities mentioned hereunder for quality control inspection to ensure that the commodities meet the quality standards.

After inspection and approval Customs will be officially notified and requested to release the cargo. If no letter of approval is issued, Customs will hold the cargo.

The new rule, which is effective as per August 1st, applies to the following commodities:

- Round steel bars, deformed bars, low carbon steel
- Plastic toys
- Cars, motorcycles
- Motorcycle inner tubes
- Electric rice cookers, fans, pans

The quality of declaration of goods

More and more parties express their concerns about the quality of the declaration of cargo, particularly in the maritime part of the supply chain. Weight misdeclaration is often seen as an element that erodes or eliminates the safety margins.

In 2007, when the MSC Napoli ran into difficulty which caused heavy damage, it seemed that the vessel was carrying 1250 tonnes more than was declared. More than 20% of the containers on deck that could be weighed were more than 3 tonnes different from their declared weights.

Recently, the Dutch Government has passed new laws regarding road transports, which means that shippers and forwarders, as well as road hauliers, could be fined for overweight containers being on the roadways. This is consistent with many other countries and the fines can be stiff.

Whilst authorities may take action on roads, other modes of transports are less regulated. Rail carriers and shipping lines are more likely to be left to their own devices, generally relying on contractual provisions that require the shipper or consignor to declare correctly.

In a more recent accident with the MOL Prosperity, reports read that the fire on board of the ship was related to misdeclaration of dangerous goods. The final conclusion of the investigators has not yet been published, however it forms a timely reminder of the importance that both weight and contents are accurately declared.

Since we are all responsible for the correct declaration of goods, we kindly ask you to provide your cargo details as accurate as possible.



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New procedure related to imports into Algeria

Please be informed that the Algerian Government has recently decided to amend its import regulations and its related payments mode. In this regard and according to Article 69 of the new Finance Law issued on July 22nd, it is clearly stated that all import transactions must be subject to Letters of Credit (L/C). This means that open accounts are no longer tolerated.

We kindly ask you to make the necessary arrangements and make sure that your shipments to Algeria fulfill the new law requirements in order to avoid the risk of cargo blocking at destination.

LCL service to Lattakia via Beirut

Our agent in Beirut has sent us the following request: It is mandatory to follow the below instructions regarding the Bill of Lading:

- > Port of discharge must read "Beirut Free Zone"
- > Please specify the type of packages (the words packages or pieces is too general)
- > If packages are loaded on pallets, please also mention the inner packing (for example: 1 pallet Stc 24 cartons)

We kindly request that adhere to the above mentioned instructions. Thank you.

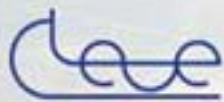
Indonesia adopts ISPM15 regulations

We would like to inform you about the fact that the ISPM15 rule will be adopted by Indonesia, as per September 1st. All wood packing material entering Indonesia must be appropriately treated and marked in compliance with this rule.

We trust to have informed you sufficiently.

Collection of charges in Iran

The ITCA (International Transport Companies Association of Iran) has informed us that it is no longer allowed to collect any additional charges from consignees in Iran.



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Marks & Numbers for shipments to/via Dubai

We would like to remind you that as per December 1st, 2008 the Dubai Port Authority has decided to no longer accept discharge of any packages that contain no Marks & Numbers or incorrect Marks & Numbers. Furthermore, the Marks & Numbers mentioned on the goods must be exactly the same as the Marks & Numbers mentioned in the manifest and bill of lading.

Please make sure to use the same and correct Marks & Numbers on all packing and all documents, in order to avoid hassle with the Dubai Port Authority afterwards.

Correct description of dangerous goods

Please be informed that dangerous goods should be described on the DGD (Dangerous Goods Declaration) in the following way:

1. The UN identification number
2. The proper shipping name and technical name (if required)
3. The IMO class, followed by the sub-class
4. The packing group (not necessary for IMO class 1 and 2)
5. Any additional information, such as flashpoint, marine pollutant, limited quantity

Example of a description: UN1098 Allyl Alcohol 6.1 (3) I (21C) MARINE POLLUTANT

The description must be in the exact same order as mentioned above and should not contain any comma's or dots.

The words Marine Pollutant may not be written in any kind of abbreviation and should be written in full.

Limited Quantity should be indicated with the words "limited quantity" or "LTD QTY". No other abbreviations are allowed.

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