

NOTICE FROM U.S. CUSTOMS REGARDING ISF NON-COMPLIANT SHIPMENTS

Dear Customers,

below please find self-explanatory message as received from our USA agent.

Quote:

We received yesterday the notice from the Port Direct of New York/Newark announcing a new strategy how U.S. Customs will deal with shipments and consignees in case of non-existing, incomplete, inaccurate or untimely ISF filings.

We have received verbal confirmations that at least 2 other ports (Charleston and Houston) will implement the same procedures. We must assume that other ports will implement the same procedures shortly.

This is the first time that U.S. Customs has announced that all customs districts are linked together and have access to an internal database. This enables them to identify non-compliant consignees and go after them after the 3rd warning.

The consolidation containers won't be held in the port/terminal anymore, which is good news for the compliant customers in your containers. But it's really bad news for those non-compliant customers. Their cargo must be transferred from our appointed CFS to a warehouse, appointed by U.S. Customs.

We won't be able to control the additional costs (loading at our CFS, trucking to customs' CFS, unloading at customs' CFS, storage fees, possible examination of the cargo, IT fee for the in-bond move from CFS to CFS and so on). This will also delay the customs clearance, since we and the broker have to update our paperwork due to the new warehouse location and the unexpected existence of an IT.

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